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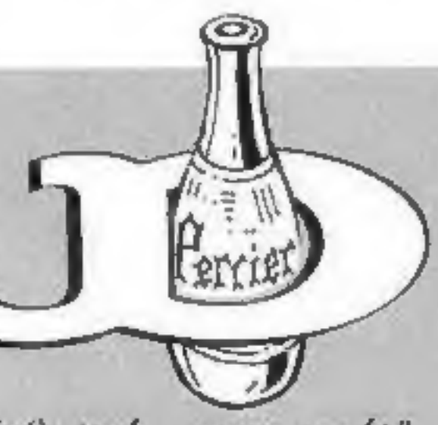

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— Alfred E. Neuman

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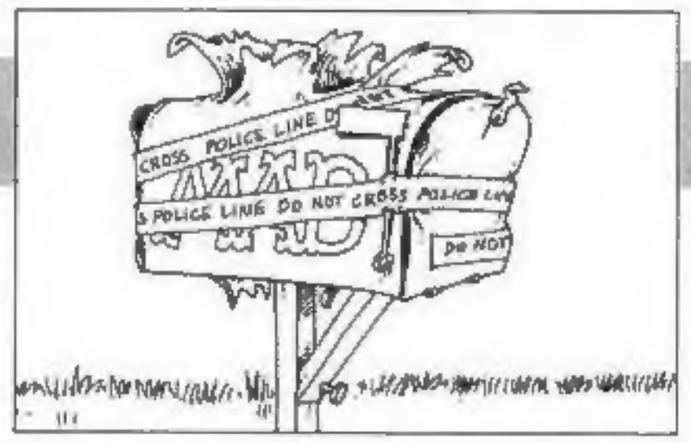

LETTERS &

ALFRED E-MAIL

You morons! In MAD #347, it became obvious to me that you guys have never seen the Olympics before. In your "Future Olympic Dance Competitions," you had the "Men's 200-Meter Moonwalk Medley." A medley is an event that has four people running various distances. The first two legs are 100-meters each, the third is 200-meters, and the fourth and final leg is 400-meters long. No wonder you are the UNOFFICIAL magazine of the Olympics!

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WB — *We'd like to answer your charges with a medley of Olympic observations about you, each a different length! 1) Why do we get the feeling you fell off the pommel horse one too many times? 2) Why do we get the feeling you inhaled a little too much of that gymnast's hand chalk? 3) Why do we get the feeling you weren't completely successful when Bela Karoli told you to "shake it off"? 4) Why do we get the feeling you did your high dive before they filled the pool? Are you happy now, medley boy?* —Ed.

THE FA SIDE

I've noticed something. The letters-to-the-usual-gang-of-idiots seem to have some kind of rating system, using "Fa"s instead of stars. What does this mean? Is a letter followed by three "Fa"s three times as stupid as a letter with only one? This dilemma is keeping me awake at night. Help!

Yofi22@aol.com

**Yofi — *Actually, there is no system we follow regarding the use of "Fa," but if we WERE to follow the guidelines as you have just described them, our response to your letter would be, "Fa Fa Fa

TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

THE DOCTOR IS IN

Despite the fact that I have been an avid reader of MAD since I was a mere sprout, I have managed not only to get an Electrical Engineering degree, but a job as well! I work at MCNC in the Research Triangle Park, where we do production prototyping and contract research and development for the semiconductor industry. I enclose a photo of myself reading an issue of your magazine in full cleanroom garb in our Class 10 silicon wafer fabrication facility.

Dr. Dev Palmer
Durham, NC

Dr. Dev —Thanks for the photo of you in your cool outfit. Virginal white...how appropriate, geek! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

GRRRL TALK

I love your magazine and everything, but I couldn't help but notice a mistake. In "MAD Visits This Year's Blahblahpaloser" in MAD #347, writer Desmond Devlin tells about who puts the groups of people together at a concert. Among those listed he writes *riot grrls*. The grrrls in the riot grrrls has *three* r's. Like I said, I love your magazine and understand the number of r's gets confusing, but as an admirer of the riot grrrls, I had to point that out.

Justine Yeager
Clarks Summit, PA

Justy — Okay! You want three r's, we'll give you three r's — Your letter was Really, Really, REALLY lame! Satisfied? —Ed.

MAD MUMBLINGS@aol.com

Late at night I find great pleasure peeling potatoes. — WERP...That one priest who talks through his mouth kicks! — LJN-TENKJN...Did you know that I like biscuits? That's why my screen name is TheBiscut. — TheBiscut...I have new socks. — RJaissle...@#$%^&! Oh, I had the Shift button on? — PJH1984...I think, therefore Miami. — WestTR3... Have you ever noticed that Grimace from McDonald's is like a big, underdeveloped Barney? — YACSN...Is Alfred married? If not, I'd like to suggest myself. — Antidae...A can of spam and a spoon; what else could a person want?!!!? — LaxSki

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Problem	Correction
Unable to see magazine.	**If you are reading magazine in winter months, turn ski mask so it faces opposite direction. If problem persists, check to make sure eyes are open.**
Pages are sealed shut; magazine will not open.	**You are holding unit upside-down. Rotate it so stapled side is on your left.**
Gap-Toothed boy on cover sending coded messages directing me to "go yonder and bring me the thumbs of John Tesh."	**Adjust your medication.**
Fold-In is confusing.	**You have folded up-down. Undo and refold side-side.**
Fold-In is understandable but not funny.	**This is a feature of Fold-In; no correction required.**
Scented cologne insert was very faint and undetectable.	**You have rubbed subscription card against your body; fill out with pen and mail now. (Remember to enclose check.)**
Printing error has removed all words from certain panels.	**This is an intentional design feature. "A MAD Look At..." is a series of visual pantomime gags by Sergio Aragones.**
Did not find any humor in "spoof" about irregularity...	**You are reading *Modern Maturity*, not MAD; return to newsstand and purchase publication one to the left on magazine rack.**
Unit seems to "conk out" for brief periods.	**You are up to Dave Berg's "Lighter Side" feature; no correction possible.**
Unit repeats same tired joke over and over.	**Turn page.**

INSPECTED BY: DESMOND DEVLIN

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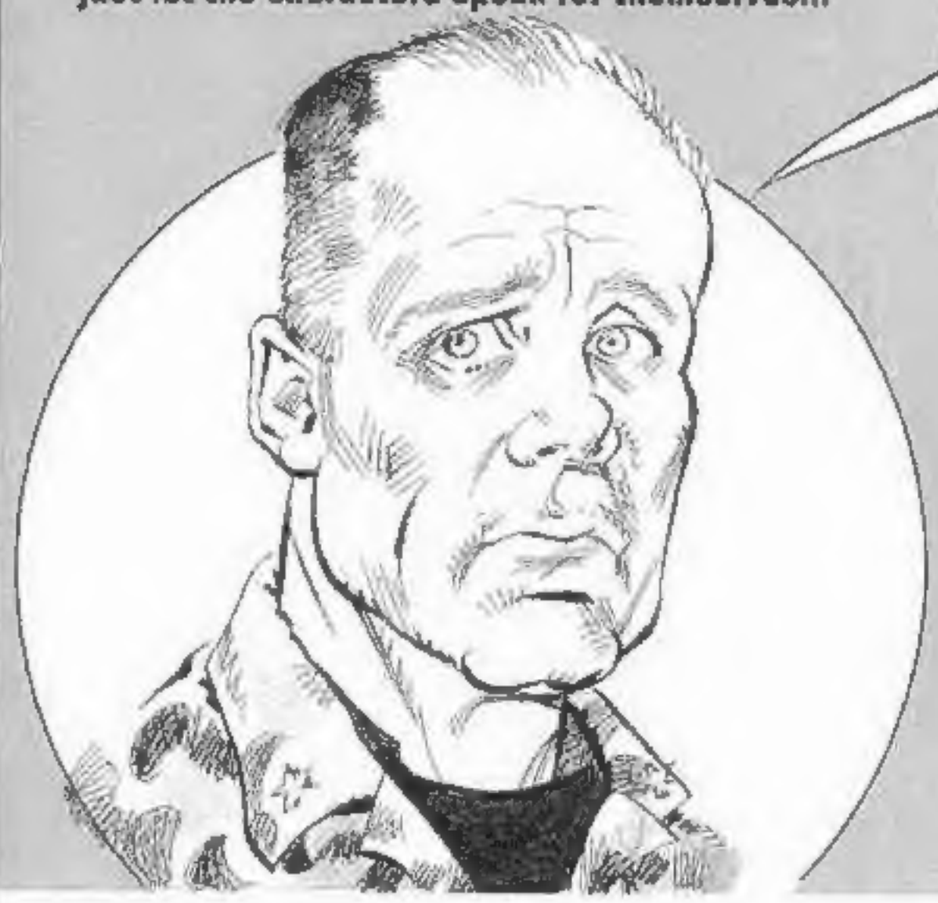
THE BIRDBRAINS OF ALCATRAZ DEPT.

You were probably expecting an intro here, huh? Ha! Thanks to recent budget cuts, we can't even afford good jokes, much less an intro! So we'll just let the characters speak for themselves...



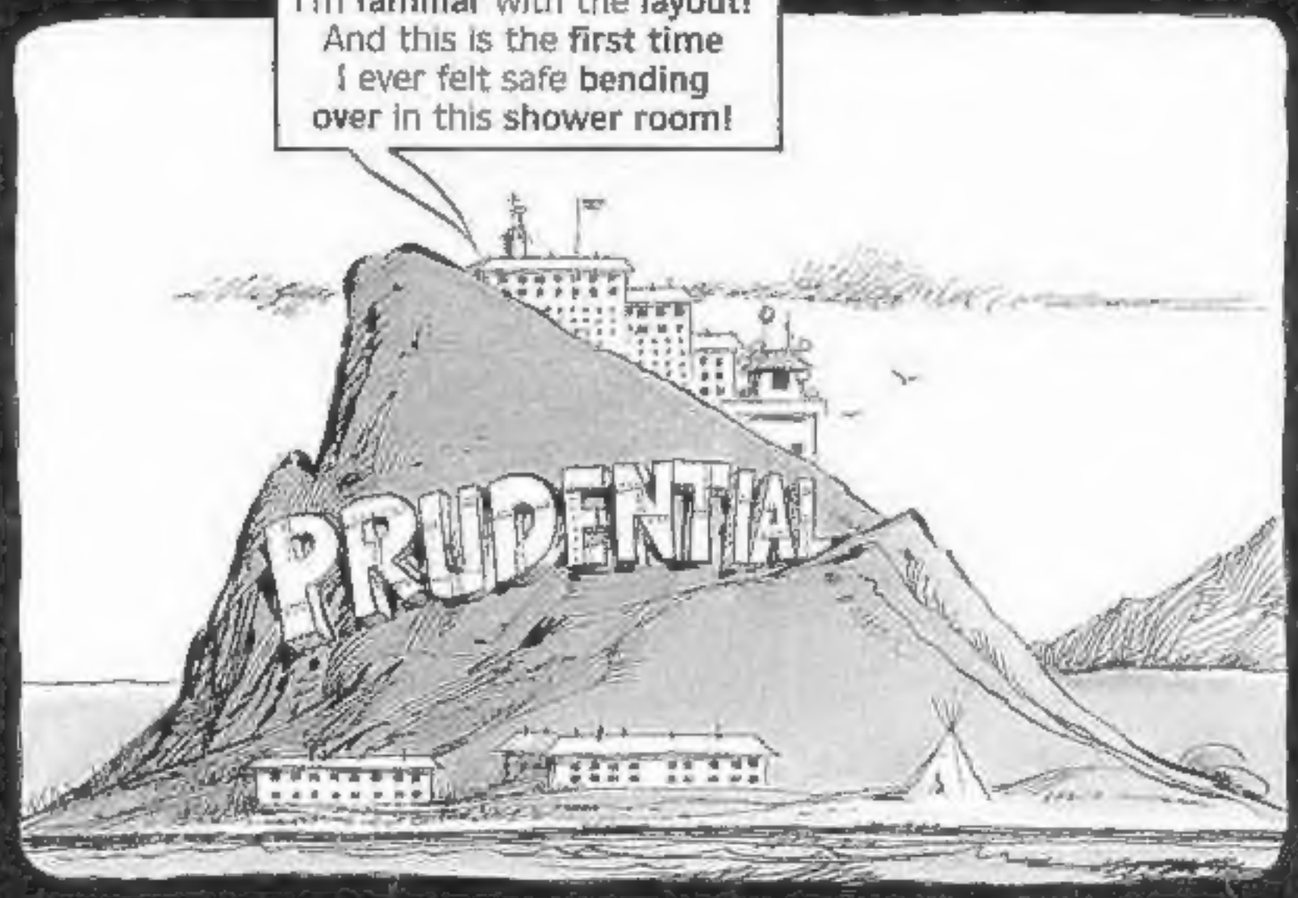
I'm going to **avenge** the **injustice** the government did to the **100 men** I led in **secret operations** in **'Nam** and the **Gulf War!** To **right** this **wrong** I'm going to hit **San Francisco** with **poison gas** from **Alcatraz** unless the U.S. hands over **$100,000,000** to the **next of kin!** Killing **70,000 people** to **avenge 100** makes **sense** to **me**, because as a **25-year career Marine officer**, I've always been paid to fight, **not to think!**

If he's such a **great military man**, how come on one **little island** in **San Francisco Bay** he **can't find** a **60-year-old fart** who's been in **prison** for **30 years** dragging around an **out-of-shape geeky chemist?**

CRO

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

I'm the **only man** who ever **escaped** from **Alcatraz**, so I'm **familiar** with the **layout!** And this is the **first time** I ever felt safe **bending over** in this **shower room!**



Wonder how I **look so good** and **sound so smart** after being **locked up** in **prison** for **30 years?** Since people in prison have **all the time** in the **world**, unlike you **schmucks** who **work for a living**, I spent my **days working out** and **reading great literature**, **philosophy** and **astrophysics!** Since it cost the **government** a **small fortune** to keep me in **prison**, it would have been **cheaper** if they had **given** me a **scholarship to Harvard!**

I was sent to **prison** and became a "**non-person**" because I **stole** the **microfilm** from the **FBI** that has all the **secrets** the **government** doesn't want anyone to **know about** — **little things** like the **JFK assassination!** I sent it to some **film director** named **Oliver Stone**, but he **never got back** to me! I guess he **didn't think** it was **worth doing** a **movie** about!

Men, let me **remind** you that we're **up against three** very, very **tough adversaries** here!

You mean the **U.S. Army, Navy** and **Air Force?**

I mean the **other** big **summer films** — ***Eraser, Independence Day*** and ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame!***

We have to **steal** the **poison gas,** but I hate **shooting fellow soldiers** who are **guarding** it!

That's why I **thought** of using the **stun guns** — so we **wouldn't kill anybody!**

I **wish** you would have told **US** about that, sir, since **WE'RE** the ones **doing** all the **shooting!** But I guess that **hammers home** your **point** about being paid to fight, **not to think!**

DOCK

WRITER: STAN HART

I spent four years in **college,** three years in **grad school** and two years at the **FBI Academy!** And **none of it** prepared me for that **crazy old nut** case to your left! Not only does he claim he was once a **British agent** with a license to kill, but he also says he **spent some time** as a **dragon!**

This **gas** can **kill everyone** in a room in **seconds!** I haven't **experienced** anything like that since I was in my **high school gym class** after the **cafeteria** served **refried beans for lunch!**

I was **sent** along on this **mission** because I'm an **expert** on **poison gas** and I have the **reputation** of being the **most dependable** and **careful operator** the department has! Actually, I'm **not really** as **careful** as they think! If I were, my girlfriend **wouldn't be pregnant!**

Charlie One to Bravo One, over! RATATATATAT! KABOOM! There's VCs up ahead! Send air cover!

Double KABOOM! Bravo One to Charlie One — can you read me? Can you read me? RATATATATATAT!

Why are we only hearing a soundtrack of the Vietnam War and not seeing anything?

Because after paying Harris's, Cage's and Connery's huge salaries for being in this picture, there wasn't any money left in the budget to film anything!

I'm going to do two things that I couldn't do while you were still alive! I'm going to risk my life to avenge the deaths of my comrades in arms, and even more importantly, I'm going to watch pro football games on TV all day Sunday!

WRONG STUFF

What are you doing here? This is the ultimate top-secret installation!

Don't sweat it! I won't tell anybody!

U.S. ARMY POISON GAS DEPOT

My God! Did you ever see anything like this?

Sure! Most of my high school senior class looked like that before the yearbook photographer airbrushed out their zits!

What is your job here in the FBI?

I do research! Part of the time I spend on poison gas!

What about the rest of the time?

I research the confidential FBI files for people on the President's Political Enemies List and secretly send them to the White House!

FBI FILE

MAX KORN

Why don't you put on your protection suit?

I left it at home!

Why did you do that?

Because today is "Dress Down Day" at the office!

You tourists are our hostages here on Alcatraz! We do not want to hurt you!

I don't mind how long they keep us here!

Are you crazy?! How come?

My return flight is on Valujet!

VIVA PROZAC

Is Adam Sandler's film *Happy Gilmore* technically eligible for the 1996 Oscars, or the 1997 ones? — IT'S A MOOT POINT.

I have to go to San Francisco on some dangerous FBI business!

Please be careful!

Aren't I always careful?

Sometimes yes and sometimes no!

Do you know who this guy is?

Of course I do! He's Rip Van Winkle!

Really? I thought he was Howard Hughes!

I can catch him!

Let him run off? I don't understand!

Don't! Just let him run off instead!

At his age, he'll have a heart attack in another block or so and we'll save the taxpayers the cost of a long trial! It's another of the government's economy measures!

And maybe the only one that makes any sense!

Oh, no! Not another clichéd wild car chase through the streets of San Francisco!

What car chase? This happens every time they announce that tickets are on sale for a Liza Minnelli concert in this town!

HATE ASBURY!!

How did you find me when the entire force of trained FBI agents couldn't?

I looked up the address of the daughter you haven't seen in twenty years! It's in the phone book! I knew you'd try to see her!

It's amazing that the entire FBI and CIA didn't think of that!

Oh well, that should teach you a lesson!

To have an un-listed number?

To screw family reunions!

They've successfully broken into Alcatraz and are transmitting TV pictures back to us!

This is great! If they get out alive, we can send them to break into the Super Bowl, the Final Four and the Stanley Cup Playoffs! I hate watching those games in crowded sports bars!

I don't want anyone getting hurt! Did you remember to bring the stun guns to knock those guys unconscious this time?

Yes sir! Unfortunately, you didn't order us to bring any mattresses for them to land on! They're all dying from the fall!

The government will not meet our demands! Let's start killing the hostages!

Stop! Doing that would be an act of madness! I am not a madman!

No? Then just what WOULD you call someone who steals poison gas and rockets and threatens to use them to destroy an entire city full of innocent people — Mr. Rogers?

It was all just a big bluff!

Oh yeah? Try telling that to those dead guys over there!

In order to survive, I have to inject this poison gas antidote directly into my heart! I can't do it...

Give me it! Let me help you...

...I learned how to do this in *Pulp Fiction!*

You're a pal! After this, will you show me how to dance like you did in *Saturday Night Fever?*

They won't keep their word and give me my freedom! They'll put me back in prison to rot forever! You've got to help me disappear!

Okay, okay! Here are your choices!

You can be erased like me! Like, hasta la vista, baby!

You can seek sanctuary with me in the tower of Notre Dame!

Or disappear with me in Las Vegas where we can get bombed out of our skulls with friendly hookers with hearts of gold!

Vegas, eh? All right, but remember — I like my martinis shaken, not stirred!

OSCAR WINNER

MAD SALUTES Baseball

THEN...

The Giants win the pennant!
The Giants win the pennant!!!

and NOW...

The Giants win the wild card slot with the best overall record of the second-place teams!
The Giants win the wild card slot with the best overall record of the second-place teams!!!

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

You've heard rumors about them in news reports and Congressional Hearings! You've seen hints of their existence in confidential

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ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

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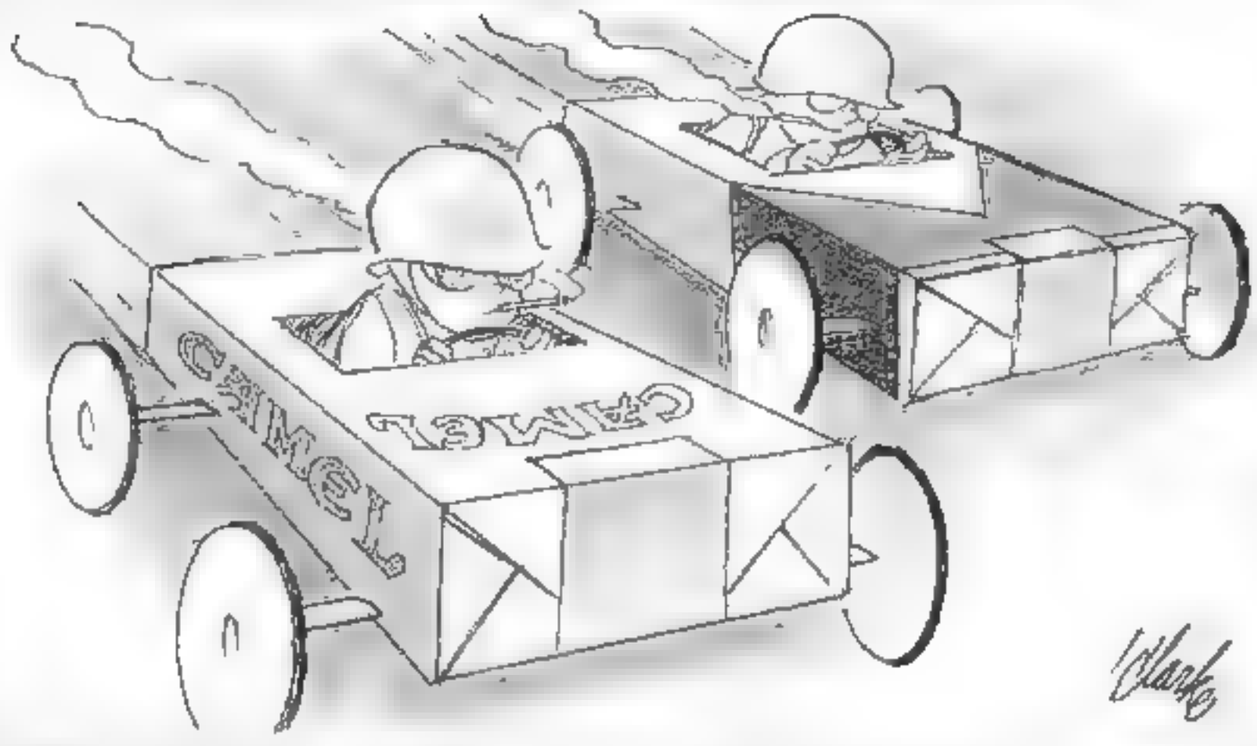
ANNOUNCER: "Unsubstantiated"—as in, "The anti-smoking zealot made **unsubstantiated** and reckless charges about the relationship between smoking and lung cancer!"

BOY: U-N-S-U-B S T A N..

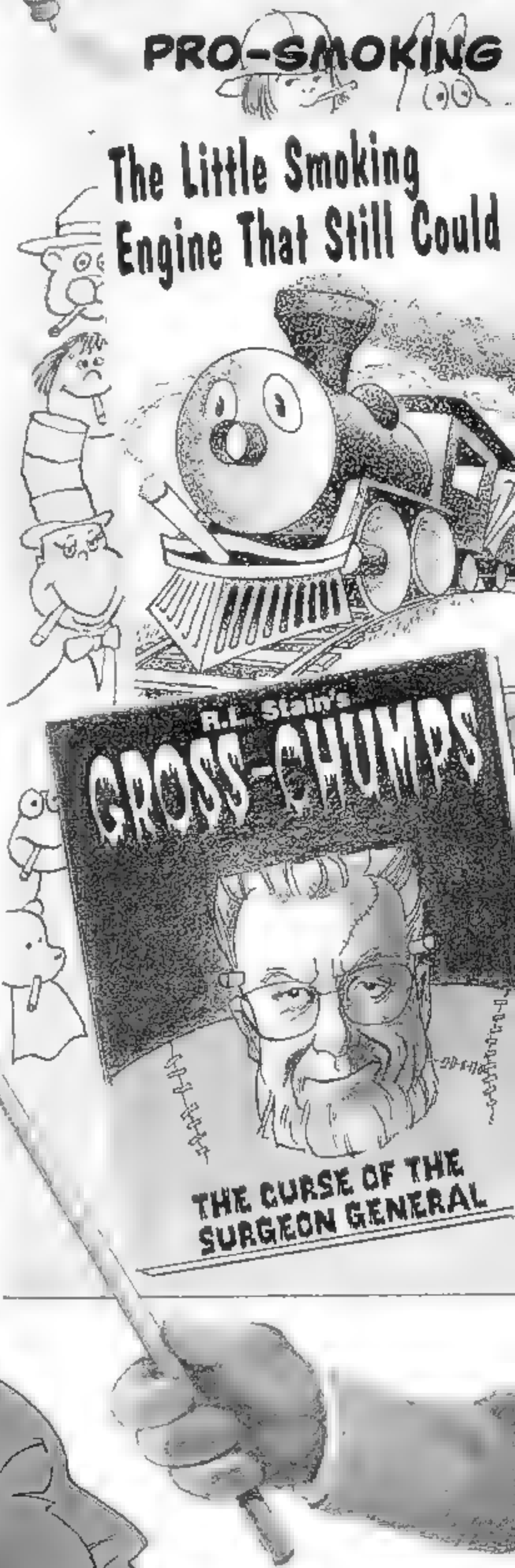
THE "CIGARETTE-BOX DERBY"



ANNOUNCER: And Billy Krank's "Camel Car" still holds the lead over Tommy Finster's "Marlboro Machine"! Both of these fine young boys smoked over 500 packs each to build their amazing racers.

PRO-SMOKING

The Little Smoking Engine That Still Could



Cigarette Company memos made public! But only now, thanks to us muckraking muckrakers, can you see for yourself...

PLANS FOR ATTRACTING YOUNG SMOKERS

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

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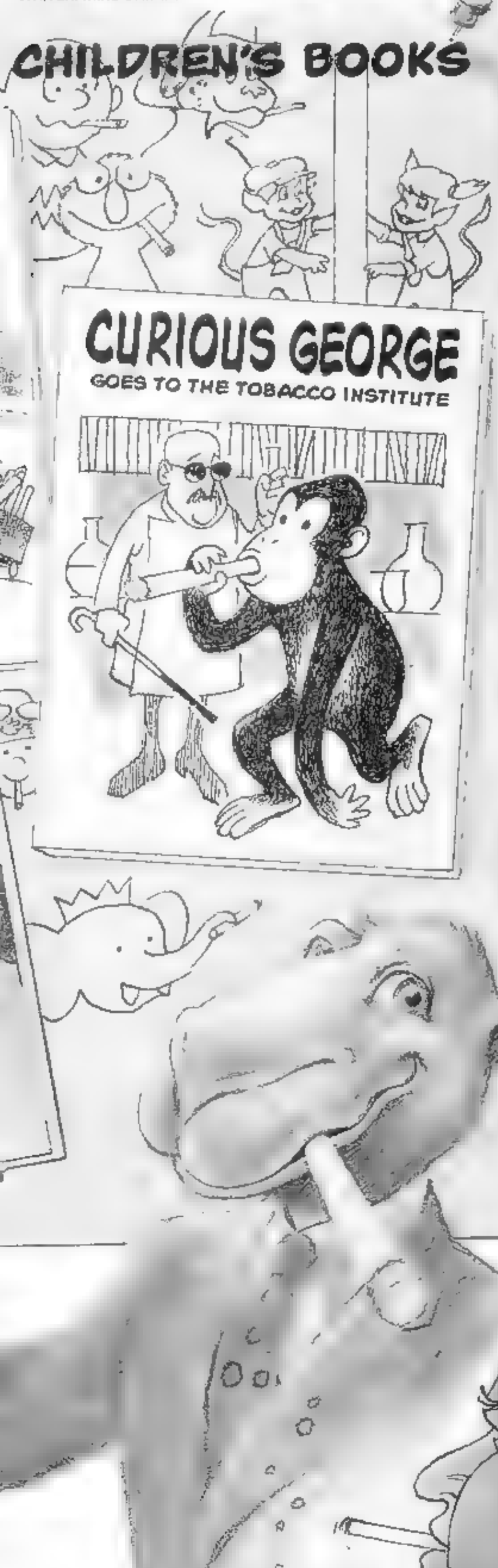

KID-FRIENDLY TOBACCO DELIVERY SYSTEMS

NEW NOVELTY ITEMS

ALL: Happy birthday (cough cough) to you, Happy birthday (hack hack) to you. Happy birthday dear (cough hack hack cough cough)

BOY ON LEFT: Coo.! Let's get more cartons and build an entire cigarette city!

BOY W/ HAT: Wow! What a cool Joe Camel Pez dispenser.

BOY W/ GLASSES: Pez? This is where I keep my smokes

After eating a double bat in cheese sauce with risky steak fries and onion rings will you wash it all down with a Diet Coke or a regular — IT'S A MOOT POINT

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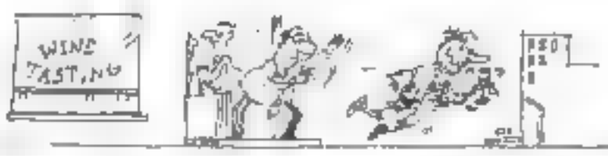

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Being Unborn Never Tasted So Smooth!

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Binky Lights

Goo-Goo-Good!

The Speed... The Power... The Wind In Your Hair!

TRIKE 100's

Better to die immediately in a pedal computer plane explosion — or survive the way down to the alligator packed swamp! — IT'S A MOOT POINT

"In the future everyone will be world famous for 15 minutes."

So said Andy Warhol back in 1968! Well, it's nearly 30 years later, and Warhol's been proven right again and again! So how can you achieve your own 15 minutes of fame? Simply follow the examples of others! To guide you, MAD presents...

THE ABC's OF 15 MINUTES OF FAME

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN
WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

A is for Anita

Who briefly showed promise;
Attempted, but failed, to
Disrobe Clarence Thomas.

B is for Buttafuoco

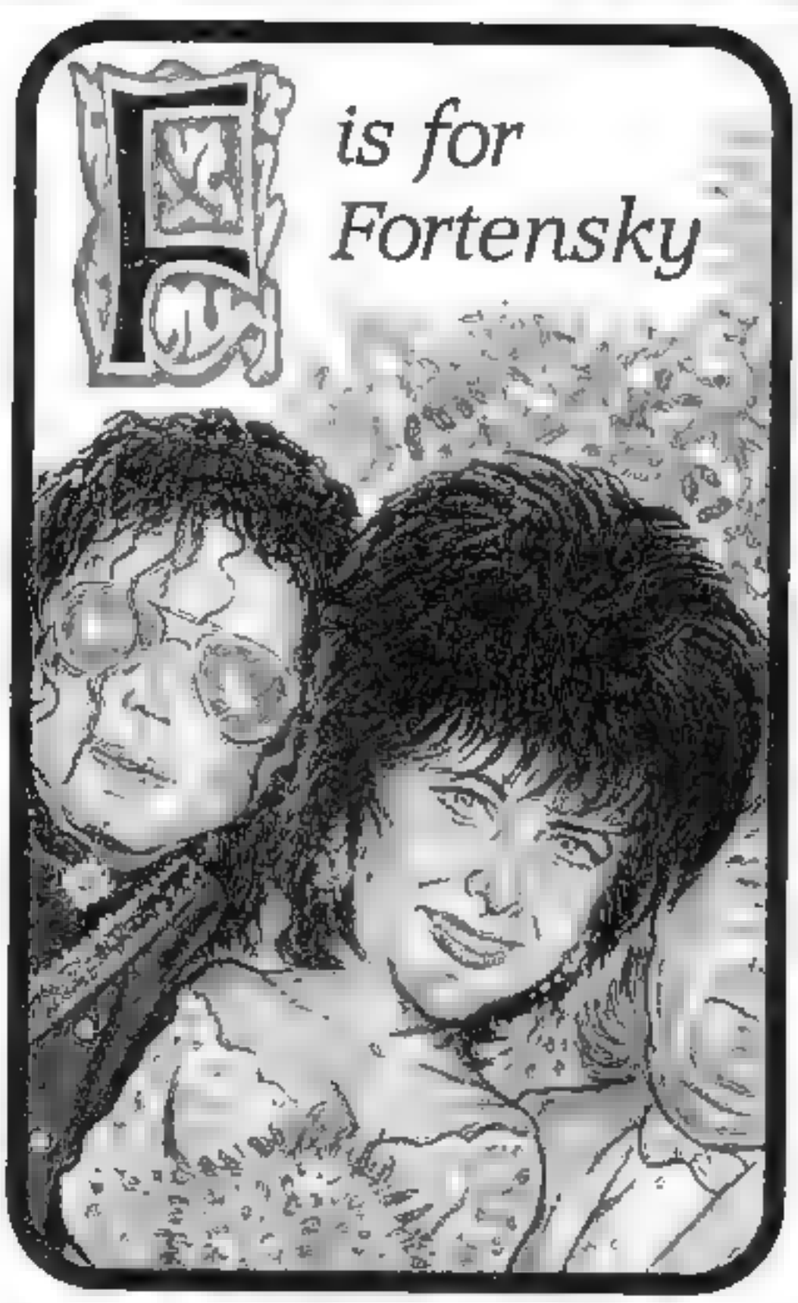
Who made it look easy;
Such fame can be yours,
Though it helps if you're sleazy.

C is for Carlos

True, not a big name;
But thanks to Madonna,
His sperm's brought him fame.

Now forgotten, we fear,
Since that night when she nearly
Blew Hugh Grant's career.

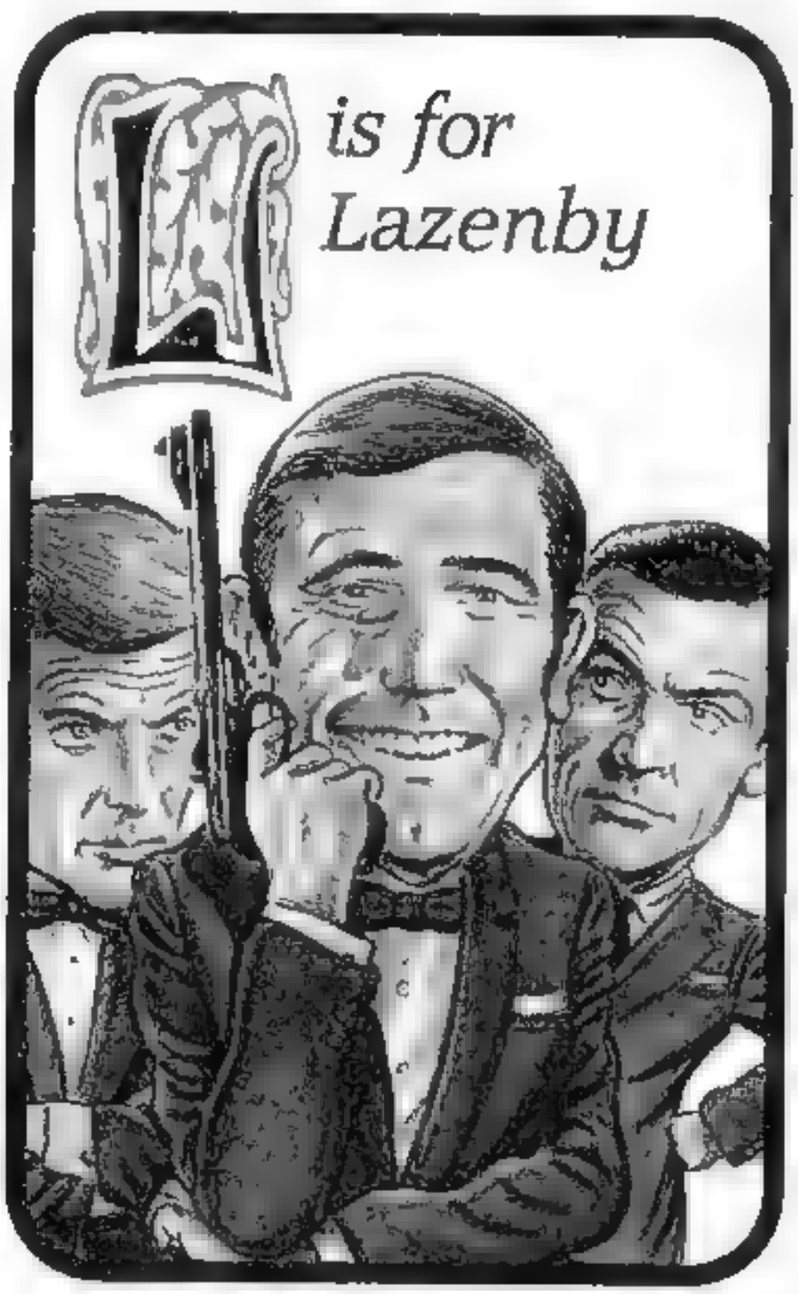
With Lyle went astray,
Killing both of their parents –
But, hey, that's L.A.



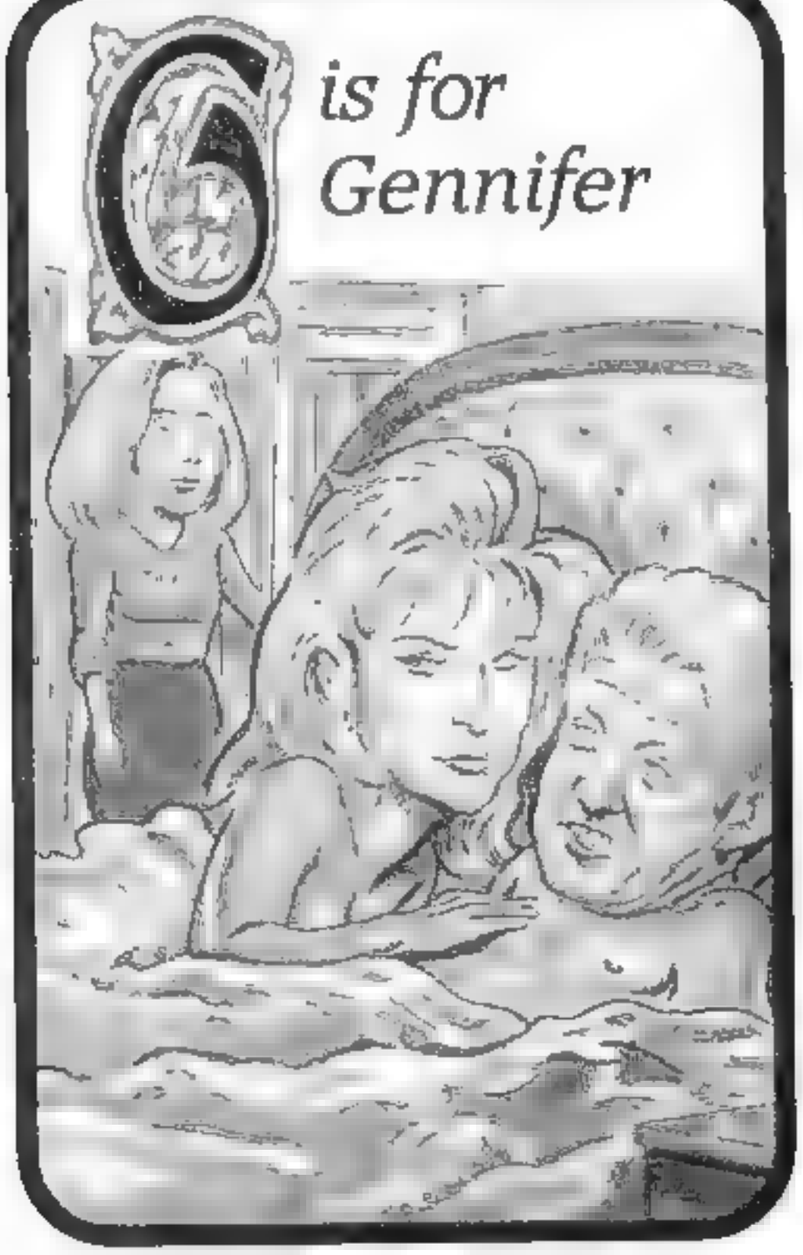
This rule he obeyed:
Just get married to Liz
And your fame's Taylor-made.

With whom Jim had his way;
Which should be no surprise
If you've seen Tammy Faye.

Helped O.J. go free;
His fame? 15 minutes!
His worth? Maybe three.

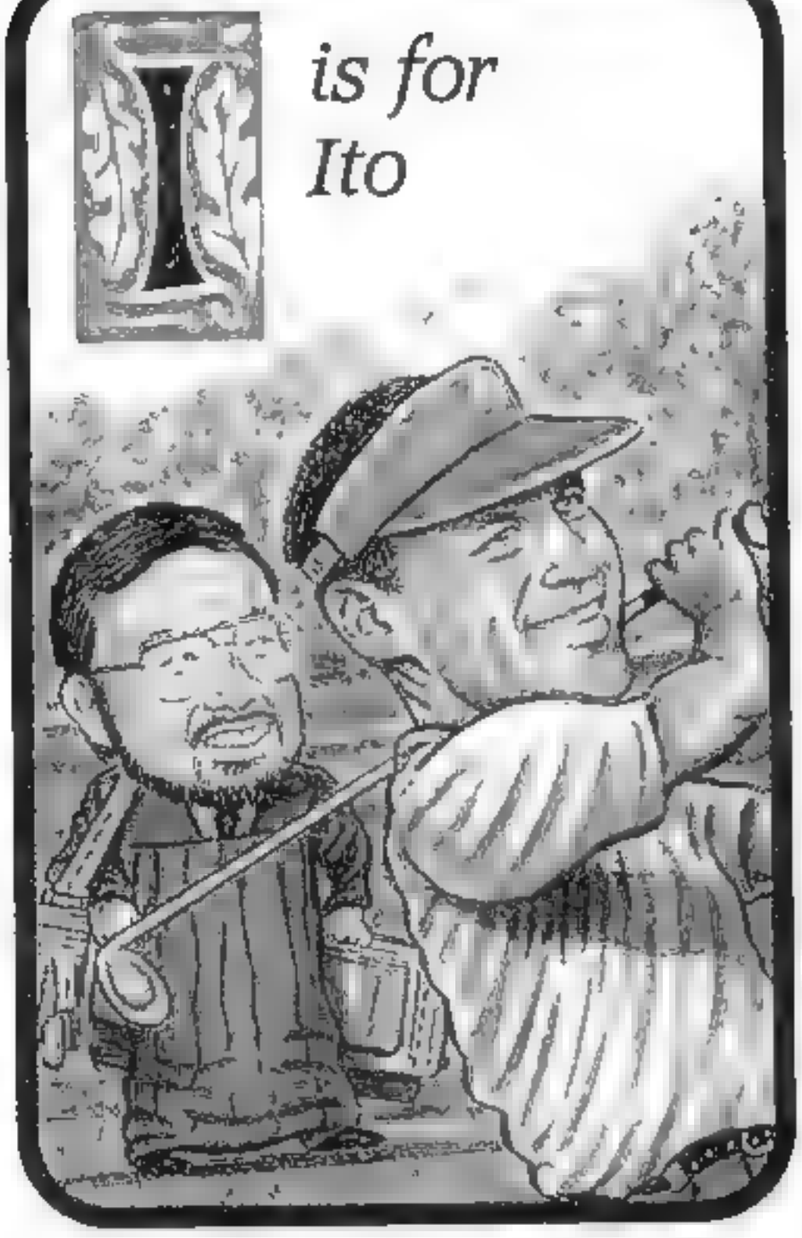


His one major flick
Nearly killed off James Bond,
Which is no easy trick.

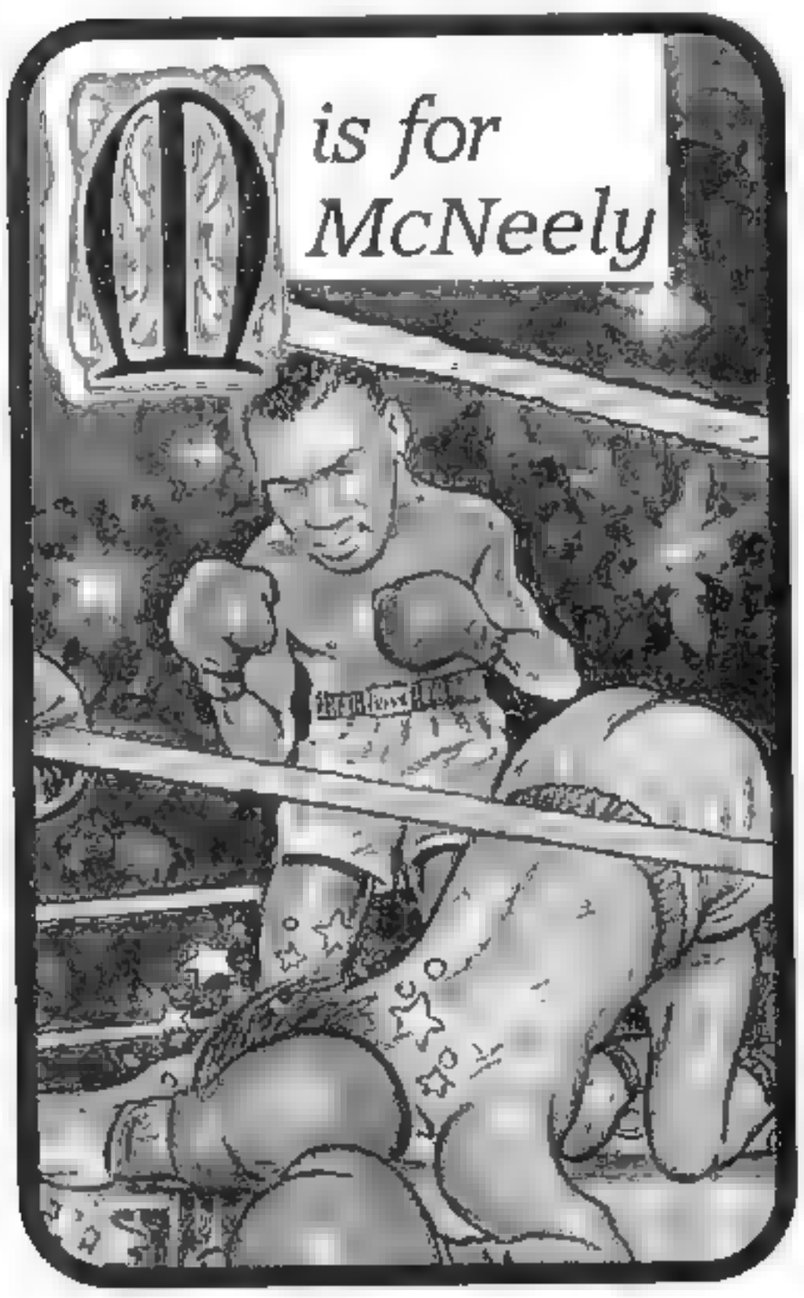


Not really a floozie;
It's just that she's female
And Bill's not that choosy.

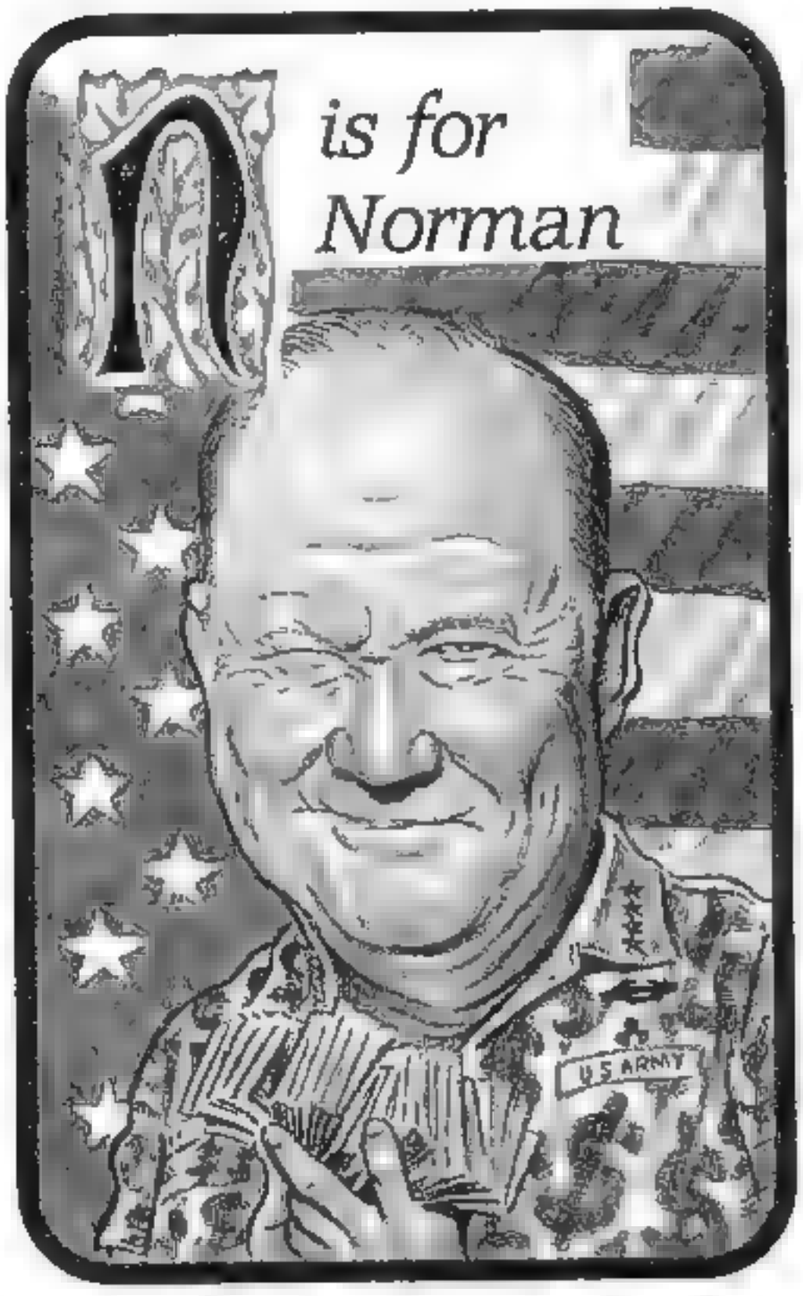
The Hollywood Madam;
She pimped for some hookers
But won't say who had 'em.



A flop, most agree;
The trial, though, is finished –
Let's hope so is he.

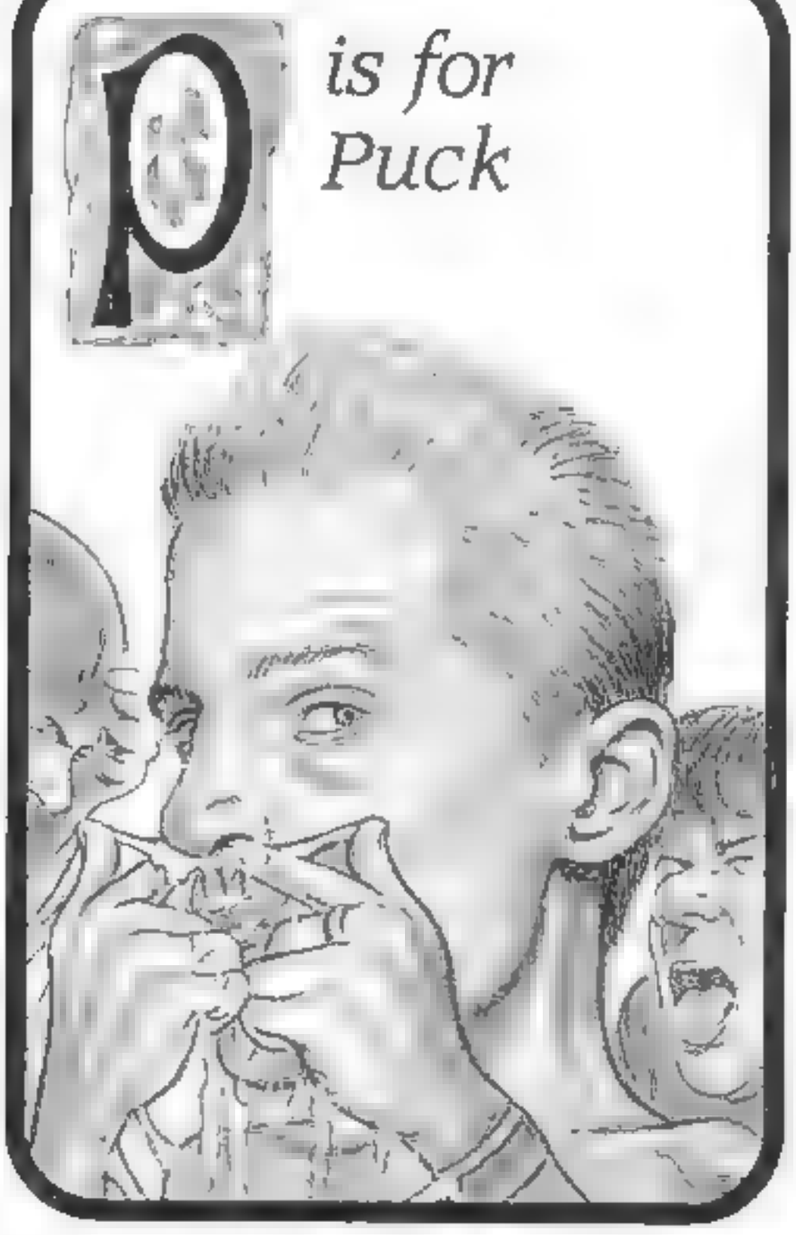


Mike had him for lunch;
But for three million bucks
Wouldn't you take one punch?



In battle served well;
Now makes millions from lectures;
For some, war **ain't** *hell!*

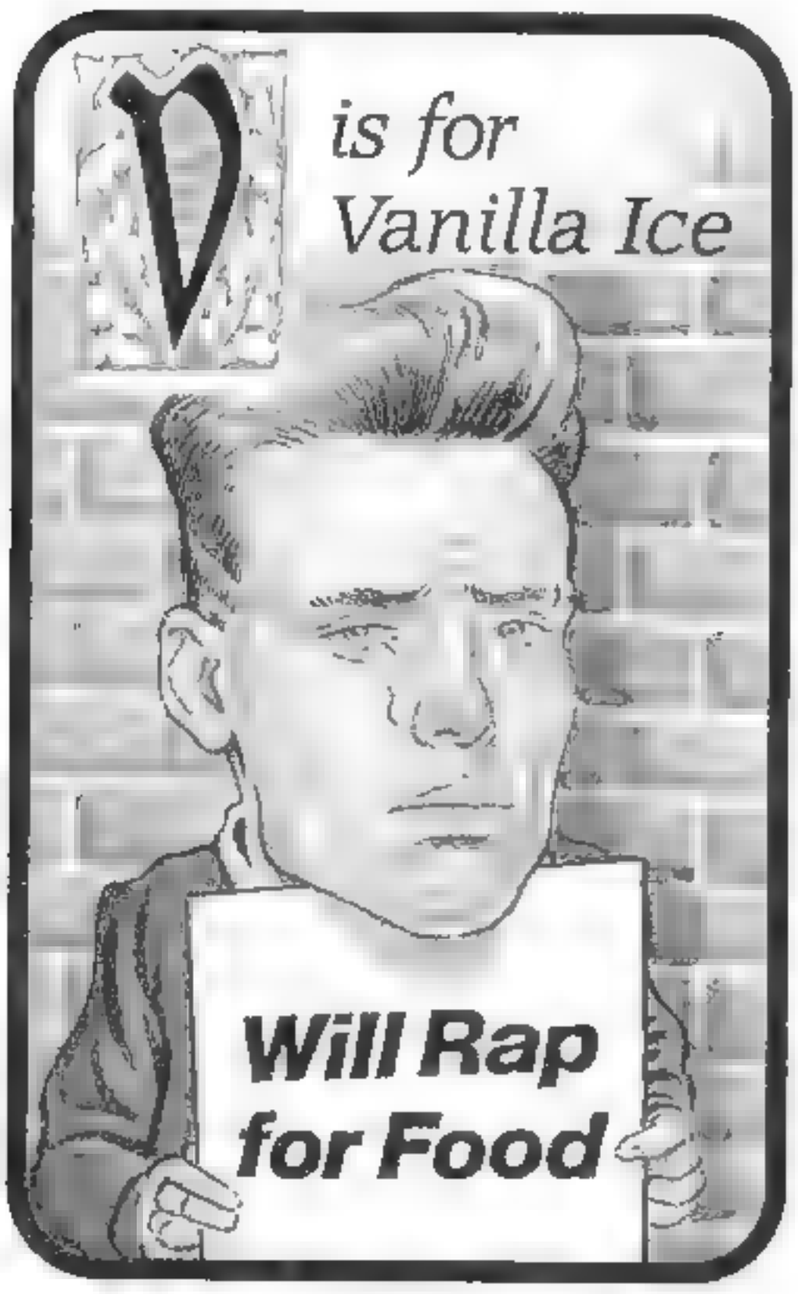
Serbs shot down his jet;
Ate bugs to survive –
All the rest we forget.



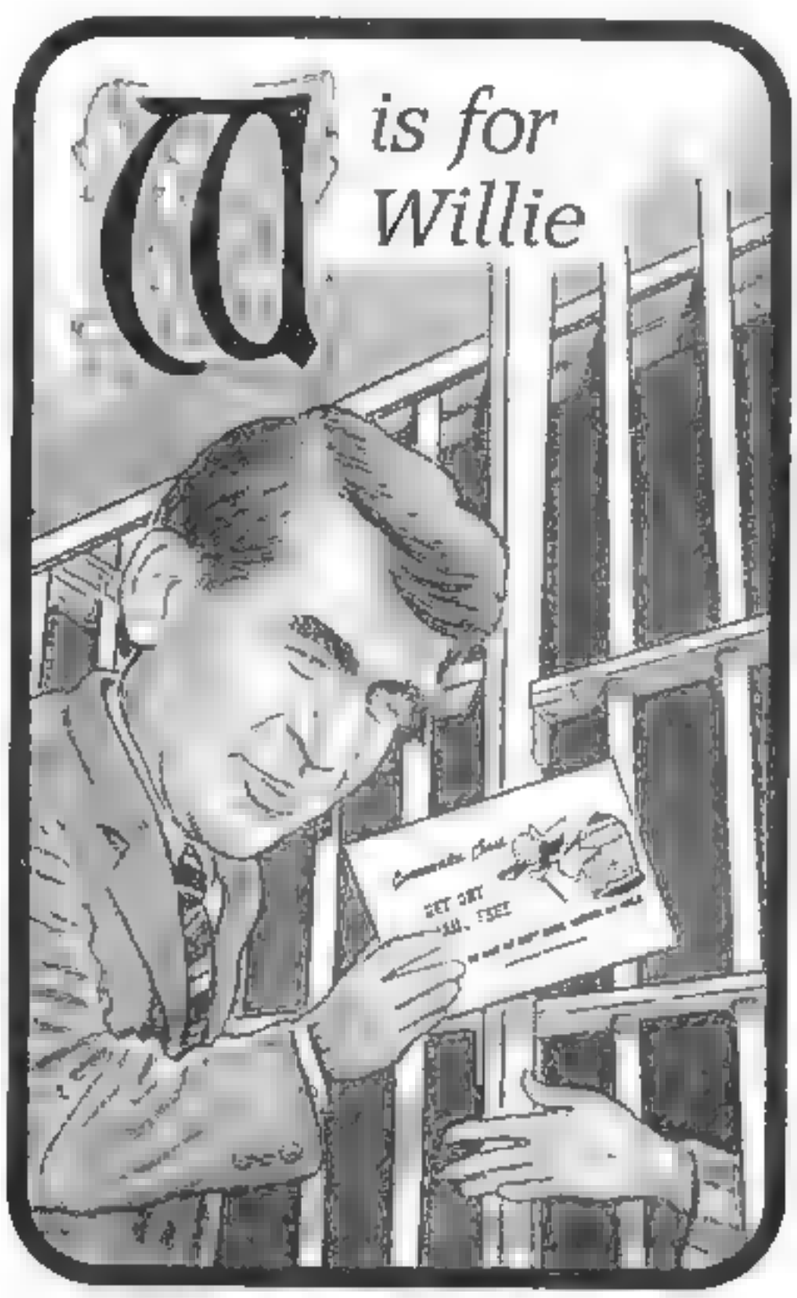
On "The Real World" he rose,
But you can't build a career
Around picking your nose.

Which feminists feared;
Shannon Faulkner dropped out
And the Citadel cheered.

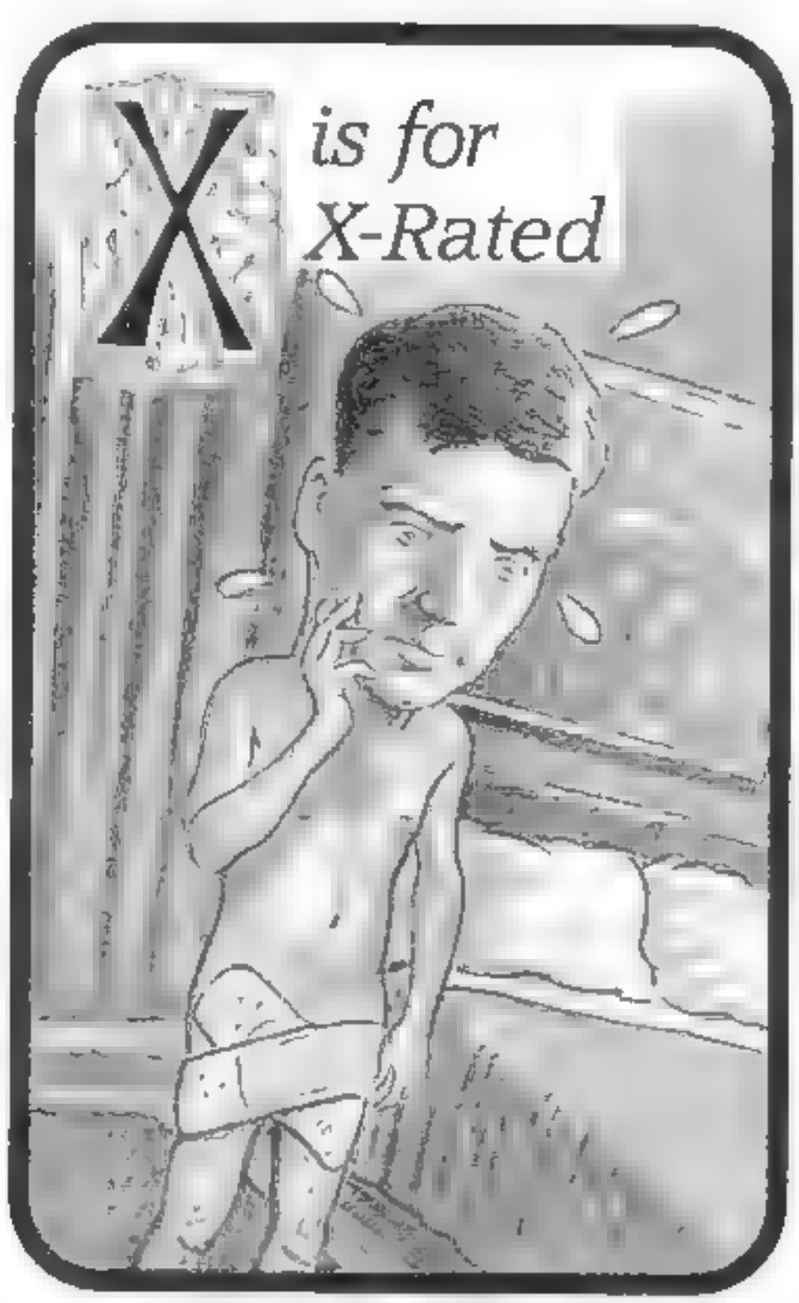
A dud like no other
But quick fame's a lock
When the Prez is your brother.



His fame turned to crap,
Giving proof to the adage
That white men can't rap.

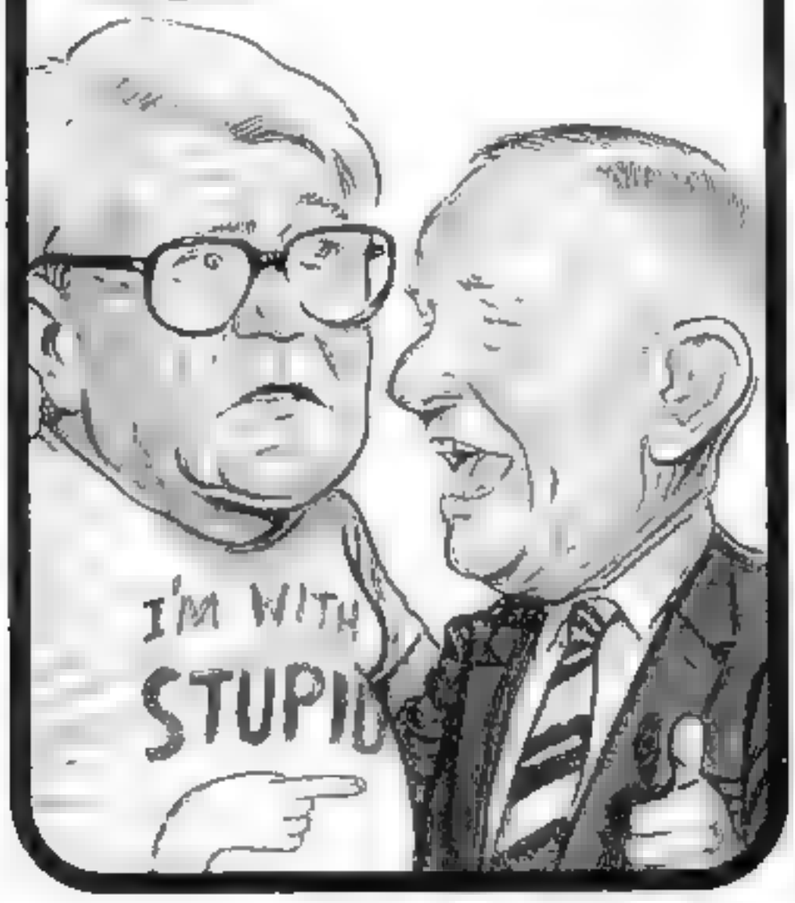


Our world's gone insane
When a paroled killer/rapist
Can swing a campaign.



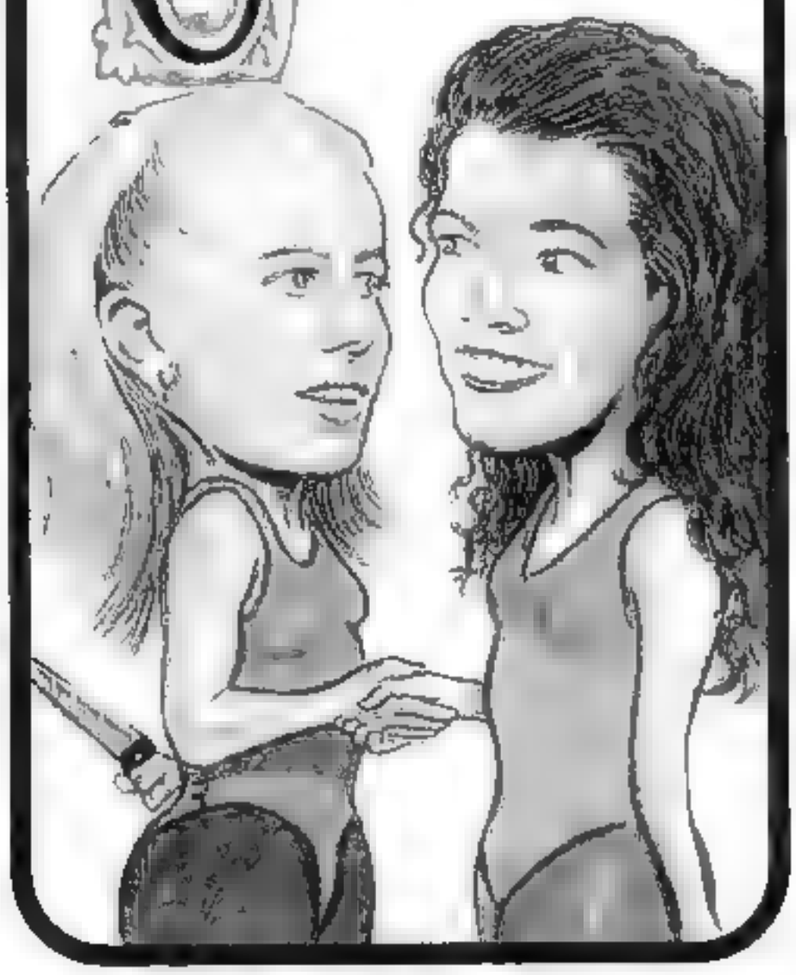
For folks fond of smut;
But even they skipped
"John Wayne Bobbitt – Uncut."

S is for Stockdale



A fine man, we know;
His only mistake
Was to run with Perot.

T is for Tonya



Now shunned like the plague,
After telling Gillooly,
"Hey, Jeff, break a leg!"

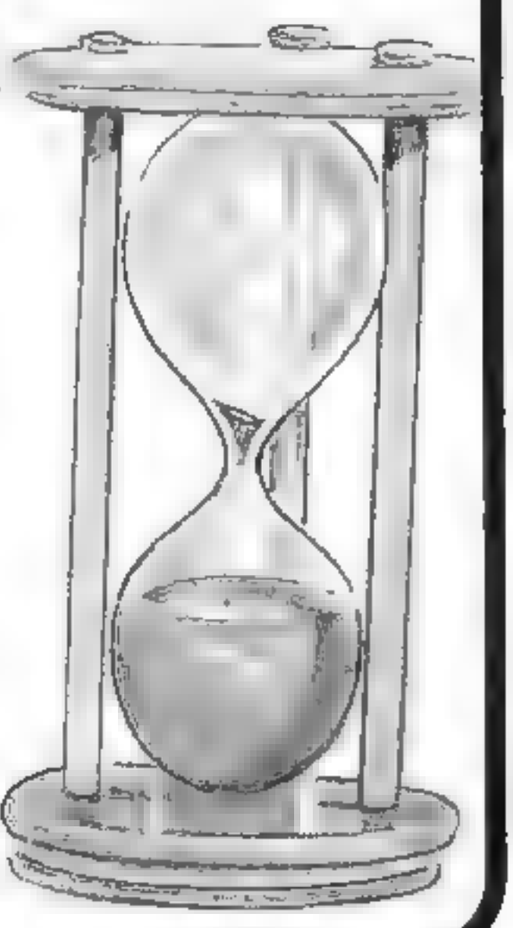
U is for Unabomber

He made quite a mess;
The Post Office wishes
He'd used UPS.

Y is for Yugo

Disastrous on roads;
Even back in Croatia
They're used as commodes.

Z is for Zero



No more can we bear;
The list's not complete –
Wish you were there?

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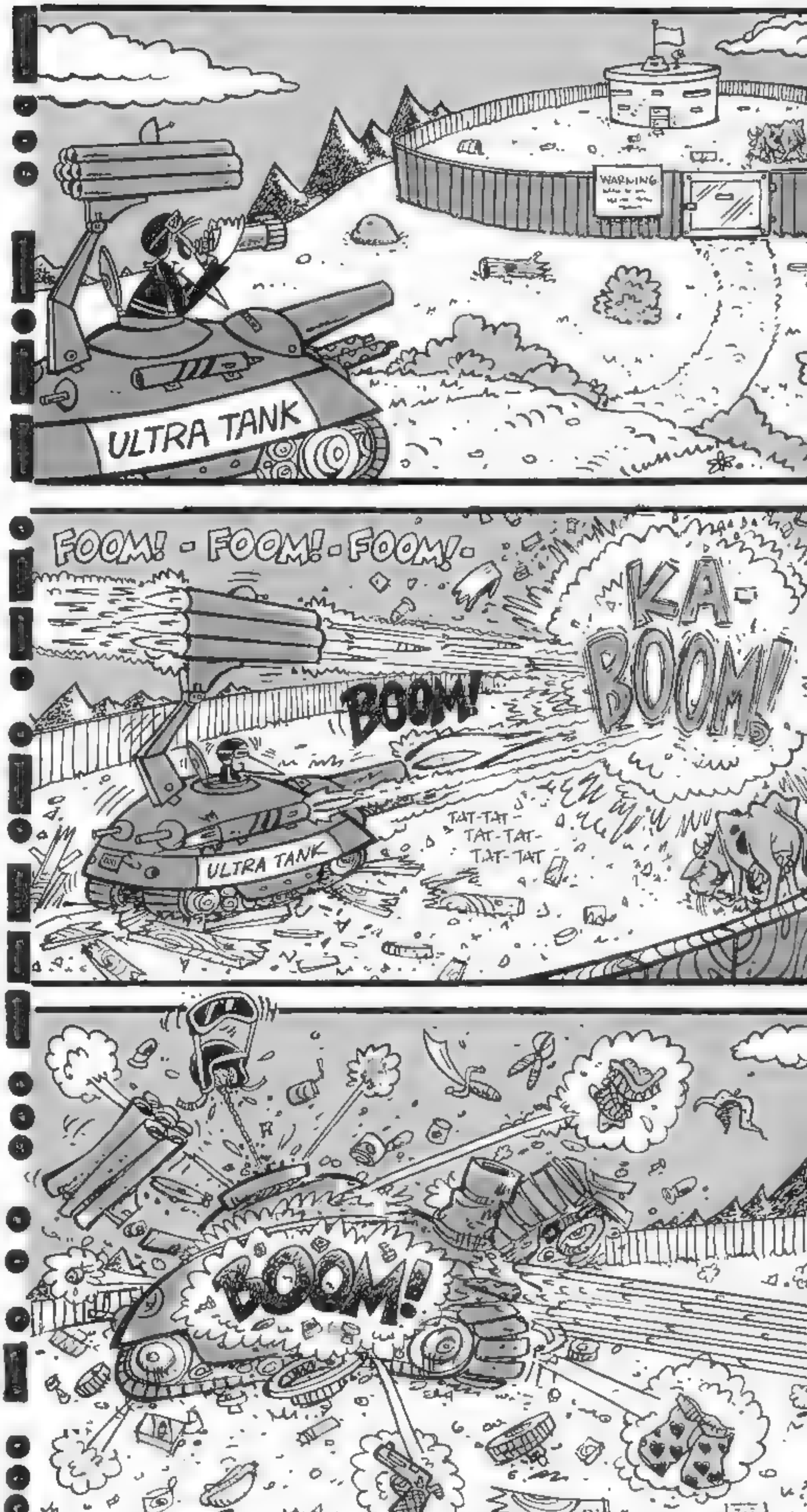
BOOM!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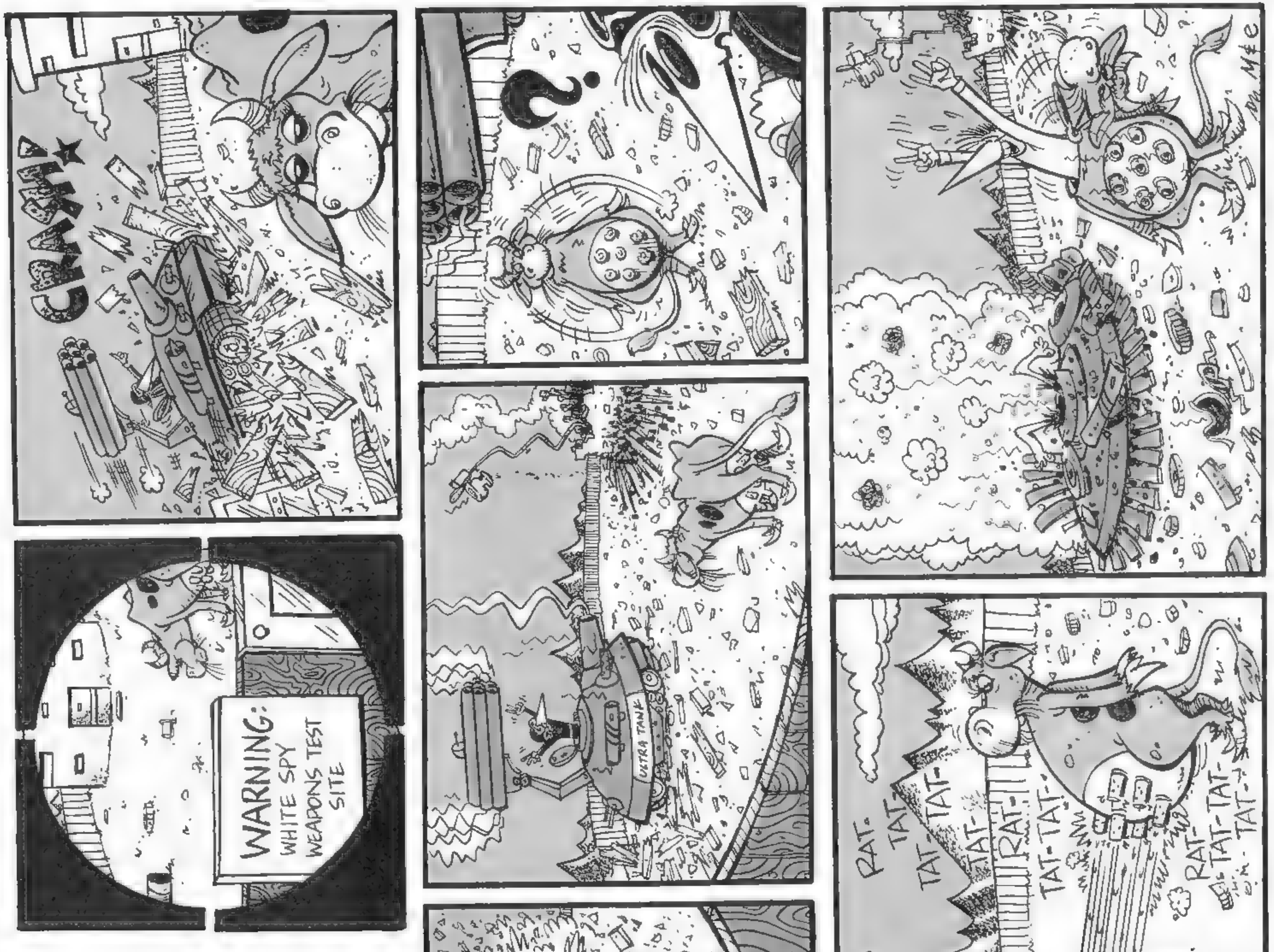
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HUMP ROAST DEPT.

How about those Disney babes? It all began with the innocent Little Mermaid! Then came the spicy Jasmine in Aladdin and...whew! Admit it, you found yourself turned on by cartoon women! Well, we're on to Disney's sick little scheme! "Family entertainment" can get a bit boring—that's why they're sneaking good ol' fashioned T & A into their films! So, if you felt guilty drooling over the statuesque Pocahontas, just wait until you see...

I am **Chopit**, the **puppeteer**! I am going to **tell you** a **story** about **QuasiHero**, the **bell-ringer** at **Notre Dame**! But **don't expect** to read anything **close** to the **original tale!** It's been **changed** drastically to **enhance** its **commercial value!** Let's face it, **Victor Hugo** may have **known** how to **write** a **compelling story**, but he knew **nothing** about **merchandising!** Let's meet the **characters** you'll see featured in **toy stores** and **fast-food restaurants** everywhere!

I am **Judge Foulo**, not to be **confused** with that **bomb movie** *Judge Dredd*, that **schmuck Judge Ito** or that **lame actor Judge Reinhold!** The **citizens** here say I'm **evil**, but that's **their right!** And the **ones** that say I'm evil, I **put to death!** That's **MY right!** I **hate everyone** equally, except for the **Gypsies!** I **hate** them a **tad more!** They **rob**, **steal** and **cheat** — I can't stand the **competition!**

I am **Iswillelder**, the **Gypsy lady!** I have a **big heart**, which I need to **pump blood** to my **big breasts**, and my **long legs!** Let's **face it**, I'm "**hot**"! How hot? I may be a **cartoon character**, but I **still** get **love letters** from the **artists** who had the **pleasure** of **animating me!**

MADE IN CHINA

MATTEL

BURGER KING

MADE IN CHINA

EISNER

DISNEY

THE HUNCHBACK AND NOTE THE DAME

I'm **Fearless, Captain of the Guard!** I've won **dozens of medals**, which is **pretty amazing**, since I'm the **world's worst soldier!**
But man, can I **carry a tune!** And in **this movie**, **singing** is what **military life** is **all about!**

I am **QuasiHero!** I have **strong arms** and **legs**, but I also have a **face** that could **stop a clock!** Which is **really bad** for someone **in charge** of **ringing** the **bells** to announce the **exact time!** Fortunately, **solitary confinement** for **20-plus years** in the **bell tower** has done **nothing** to affect **my brain**...although I'm not sure **many people** have **best friends** made of **solid stone** and **singing birds as roommates!**

We're the **slapstick gargoyles, Victory, Yugo** and **Latrine**, which in **French** means **Moe, Larry and Curly**, only with a kind of **religious spin!**

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO
WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

It started one day long ago when Judge Foulo took a baby from a gypsy lady!

If you throw that baby into the well, your soul will be lost forever, not to mention our pure drinking water! You must raise that child as your own!

Very well, I will do it!

Good! Obviously, you have realized the need for salvation of your soul!

Actually, I've realized the need for a dependent as a tax deduction!

Make a Wish

However, the child must live here because I have no room at my place!

But Judge Foulo, you live in a 43-room castle!

Yes, but it's a SMALL 43 rooms!

Very well! The boy will be safe here until he's about 13 or 14! At that age, we'll have to worry about some of the priests, but that's a whole other story! And one Disney will never touch!

I told you I would come to see the child often, didn't I? How is the baby?

The "baby" just turned 20 years old!

Hmm, I guess I didn't visit as often as I thought I had! Time sure flies when you have a huge population to terrify!

You weren't thinking of going to the Festival of Fools, were you, Quasi-Hero?

What makes you ask that, master?

The noisemakers, the party hat, the streamers, the dancing musical number with the gargoyles, stuff like that!

Oh, all THAT! Well, er, that's to help celebrate Parent's Day at the Belfry! That's why I thought you came to visit!

Master, please let me go out! It will be the only time in 20 years I ever left this place!

If I let you go out this time, you'll want to go out again — and suddenly you'll have been out twice in 20 years! I don't want you to turn into a wild and crazy guy! Besides, out there people will call you a monster! But in here —

I am a perfect human being?

No, in here I'm the only one who will call you a monster!

But QuasiHero disobeyed his master's wishes and went out to frolic in the Festival of Fools — which many, many years later was carried to the United States and called Election Day...

Which great actor should be cast as the rubberized Batman suit in the next movie: George Conway, Val Kilmer, Michael Keaton or three monkeys with levers? IT'S A MOOT POINT

You cannot humiliate this poor, poor man!

Then Iswillelder cut the ropes they used to tie QuasiHero up!

And the humiliation ended?

Yes and no! She also accidentally cut his belt and his pants fell down, so the humiliation continued, but at least it wasn't on purpose!

Captain Fearless, stop that gypsy woman!

After fighting armies of men in the wars, you expect me to merely chase a helpless woman?

No, chase her goat, too!

All right! Now that's a real mission!

Hide in here! You'll be given sanctuary! This is Notre Dame Cathedral! Do something religious!

Like what?

Call bingo numbers or buy some raffle tickets!

Wow! I could win a brand new 1482 horse-drawn cart! That would be great! I forgot how meaningful religion can be!

Win This Cart!

Judge Foulo has posted guards at every door, but I will help you escape!

And you can escape with me!

I can't go outside again! I'm a monster!

Your lifeline doesn't say you're a monster! Of course your face says something else entirely! If I were you, I'd consider growing long hair, back AND front!

We're thousands of feet above the ground, but I'll help you down!

I can't swing from gargoyle to gargoyle like you do! I'm too afraid!

You don't have to do that! I put in a high-speed elevator! While being cooped up here for 20-plus years, you think the only thing I built are those stupid little dolls of the townspeople?

Face the front of the car, please! Going way down!

I want you to have this, QuasiHero!

A necklace?

It looks like a necklace, but it's really a plot device! It will help you find me later!

Judge Foulo continued his assault on the Gypsies!

Burn down this house! It belongs to a Gypsy!

I must disobey your orders! Gypsies are people too!

How many messages does this movie have? I'm still trying to accept that the kid with the horrible face and the hump is normal!

You're lucky it's just another message and not another song!

Nestle's

For disobeying his orders, evil Judge Foulo ordered Fearless killed! Fortunately, Iswillelder and QuasiHero were there to save his life when he was injured!

I can't lay here and watch evil Judge Foulo massacre innocent people!

You don't have to! I think you're well enough to STAND and watch him do it!

I'm amazed that you were able to nurse me back to health!

Me too! Especially since the only thing I fed you was bird seed!

But I distinctly remember eating meat!

Oh yeah, I forgot about the worms!

We really must find Iswill-elder!

She said this might lead me to her! It looks like some sort of a necklace!

Rand McNally doesn't make necklaces! It's a secret road map!

Careful! You know how tightly they fold those things! Once we open it, we'll never get it folded up again!

Rand McNally

What is wrong with me? I seem obsessed with that evil Gypsy woman! I even see her dancing in the flames! I must take my mind off such evil thoughts! I'll go out and do some killing!

SLAM!

Damn! I'll never hide in a fireplace again! Who knew Judge Foulo would have a fireplace with a working chimney!

COFF COFF!

Find the Gypsy hiding place — the Mall of Miracles!

So we can go there and capture more Gypsies?

That, and the fact that it seems like another ideal place for a big musical number!

Thank you, QuasiHero, for leading us here to the Mall of Miracles!

You followed me here? But how?

I'm not sure! But I think it's a little something about your walk that makes you easy to follow!

The prisoner Iswill-elder has been found guilty of insufficient innocence and excessive cleavage! Her sentence is death by overcooking!

You can save your own life, Iswill-elder! Marry me and we'll make beautiful music together!

I've got a better idea! Join me in the fire and we'll make beautiful ashes together!

Iswillelder! You won the church raffle! Quick, jump into this brand new hot 1482 horse and buggy and we'll escape!

And you said my religion wouldn't save me, Judge Foul! Fa fa fa!

Damn! I should have passed a law that only I could win the church raffle!

So Iswillelder was saved and she later married the handsome Captain Fearless!

But what about poor QuasiHero? He ended up with no one!

Nope, there was someone for him as well!

QuasiHero, I've fallen for you! It was love at first sight!

Belle? From *Beauty and the Beast?* You really love me? You must be attracted to my inner beauty!

Actually, I'm attracted to your outer ugliness! After Beast turned handsome, our marriage fell apart, so I'm looking for another dog face! And honey, yours is a beaut! And that hump! What a turn on! Kiss me, you freak!

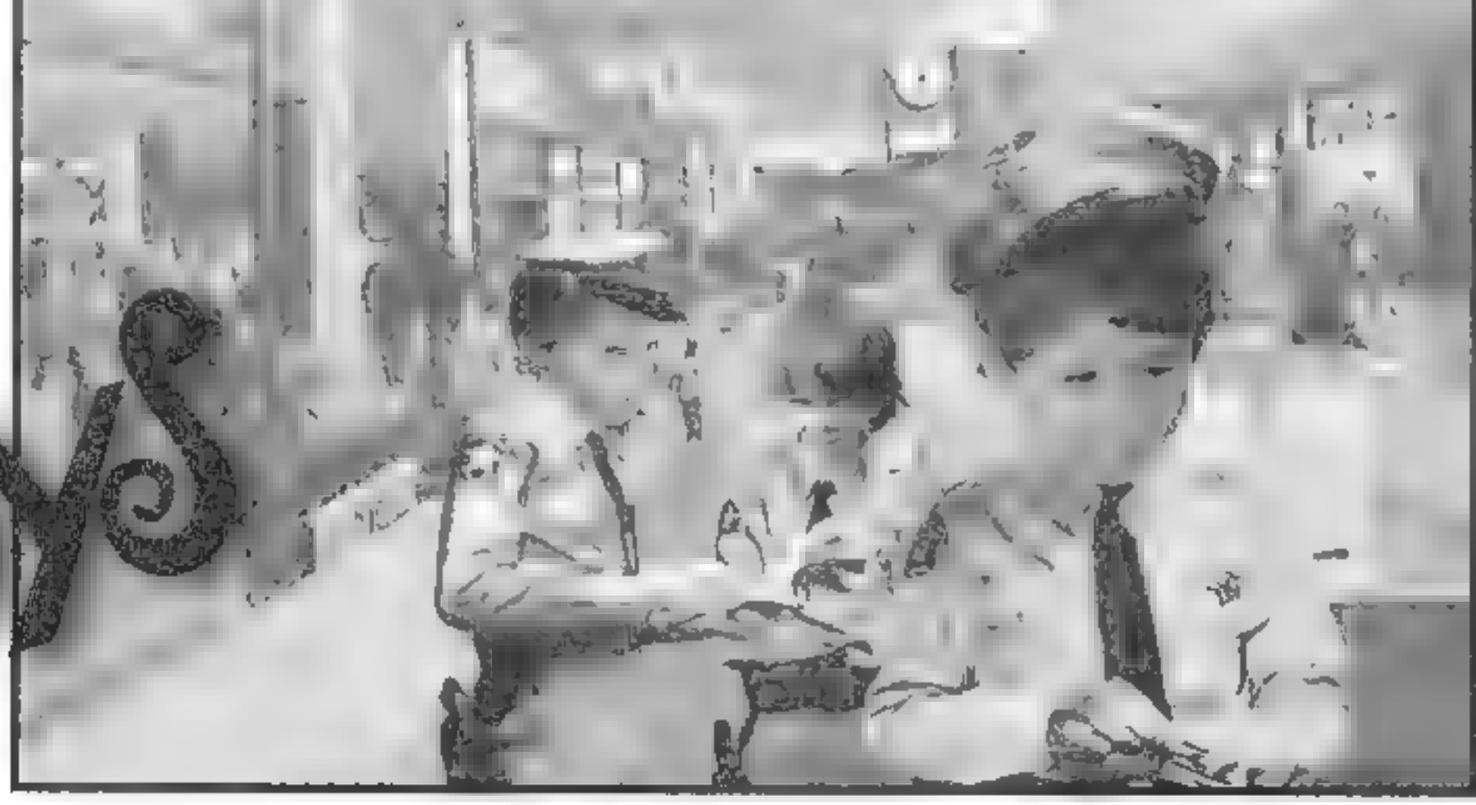
MATTEL IT LIKE IT IS DEPT.

There was a time in America when kids had big career dreams...and big career dream toys so they could practice being doctors, teachers, scientists and architects! But today, fahgetaboutit! Those dreams, those careers and even those toys are history! So what's left? The McDonald's Fast Food Playset - the one item that perfectly sums up the sorry state of the U.S. economy today! That is, until toy store shelves start filling up with more...

NEW TOYS THAT PREPARE KIDS FOR THEIR CRUMMY JOB FUTURES

JUNIOR MALL SECURITY GUARD OUTFIT

Hassle kids at the yogurt stand, flirt with the jean folders at the GAP and learn to fish coins out of the fountain for added income!



SIR-MOPS-A-LOT HOSPITAL ORDERLY PLAYSET

Clean up the same bodily excretions and used medical supplies that doctors and nurses step over every day!

JUST-MY-SIZE AIRPORT PARKING ATTENDANT'S BOOTH

Be part of the hustle and bustle world of people with more important things to do than you!

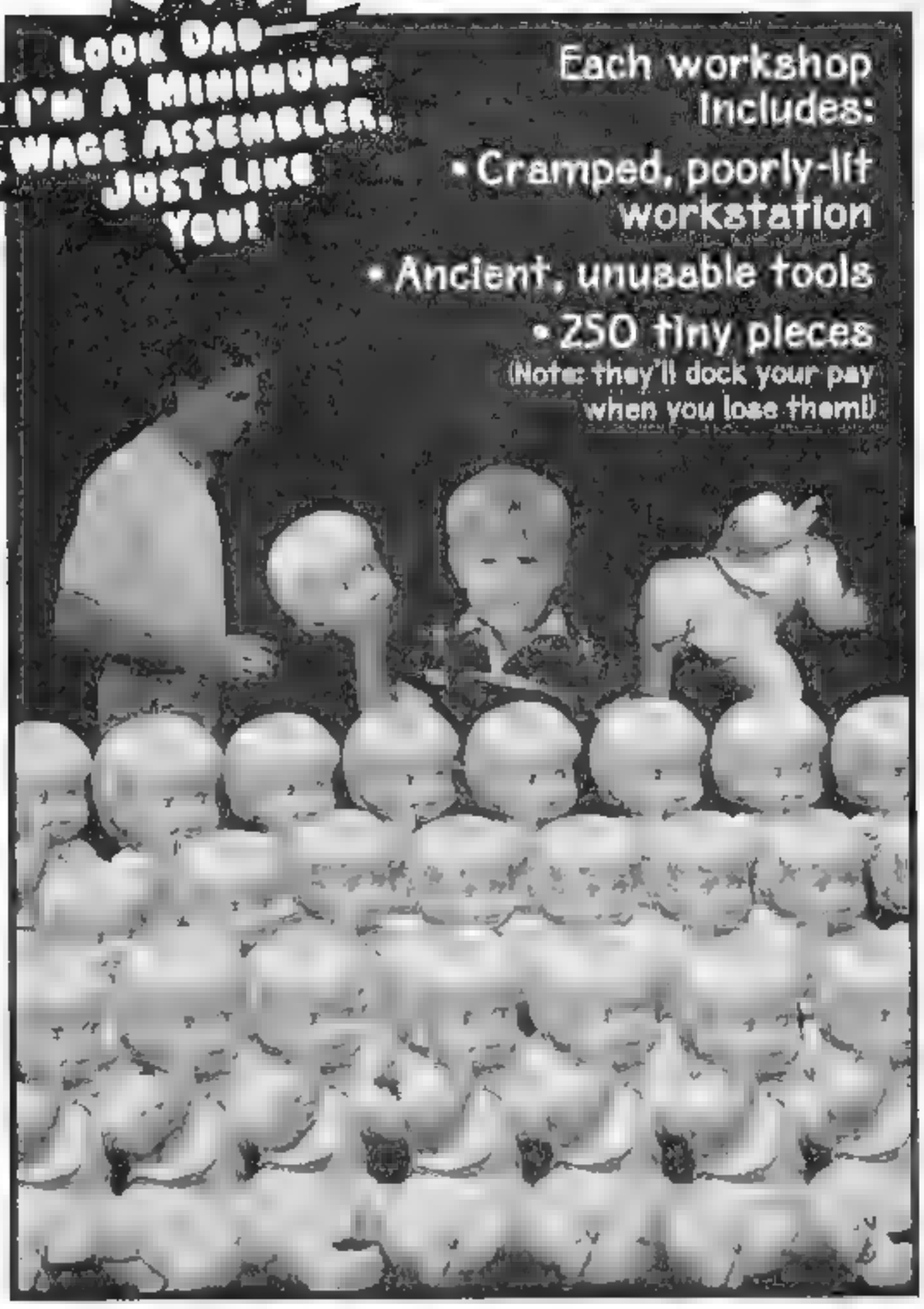
ARTIST: GUNNAR JOHNSON WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

LOOK DAD— I'M A MINIMUM-WAGE ASSEMBLER, JUST LIKE YOU!

Each workshop includes:

- Cramped, poorly-lit workstation
- Ancient, unusable tools
- 250 tiny pieces

(Note: they'll dock your pay when you lose them!)

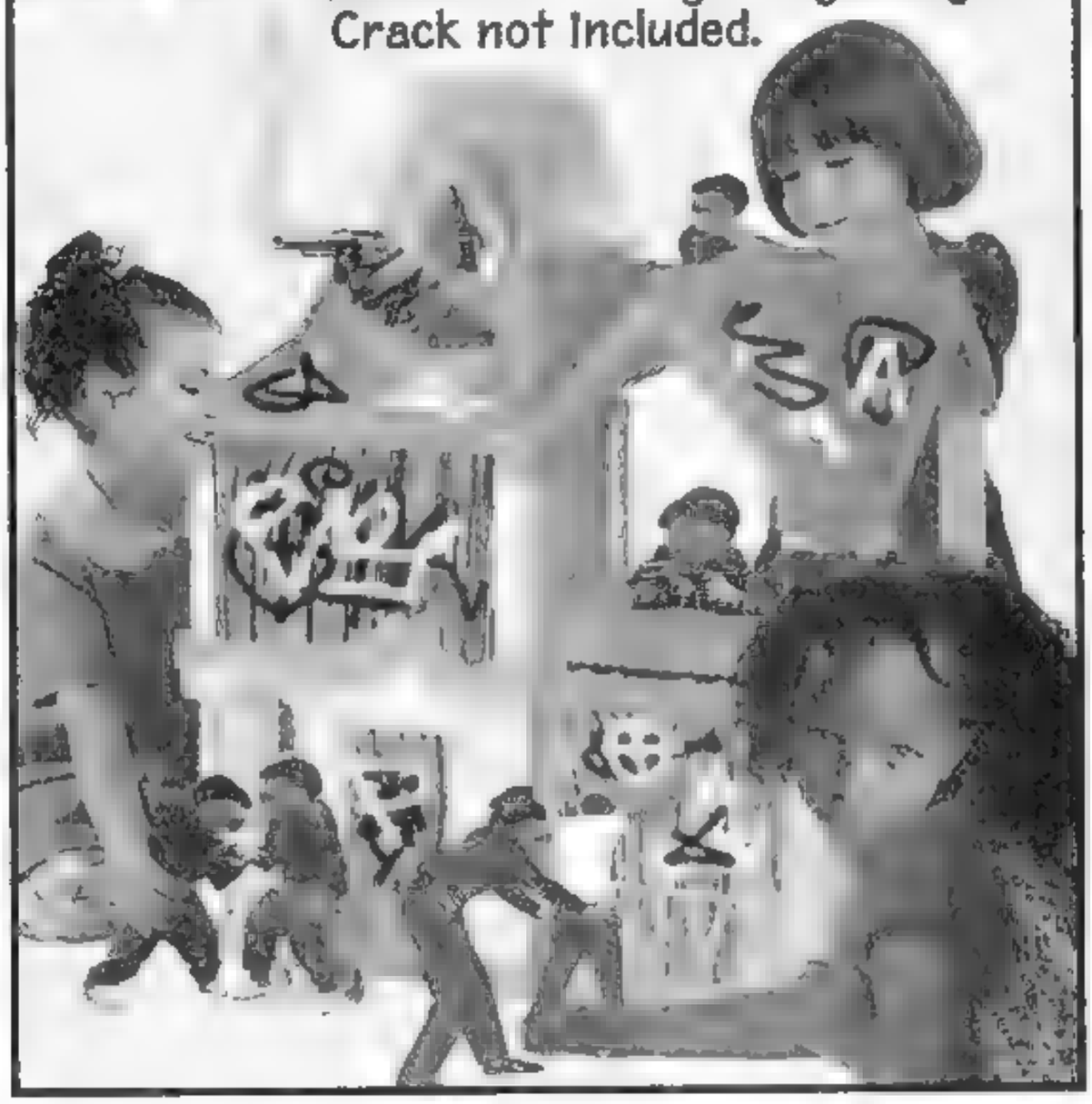


LET'S PLAY PHONE SOLICITOR!

Create your own telemarketing boiler room! Now you can underpay workers and disturb complete strangers at dinnertime!

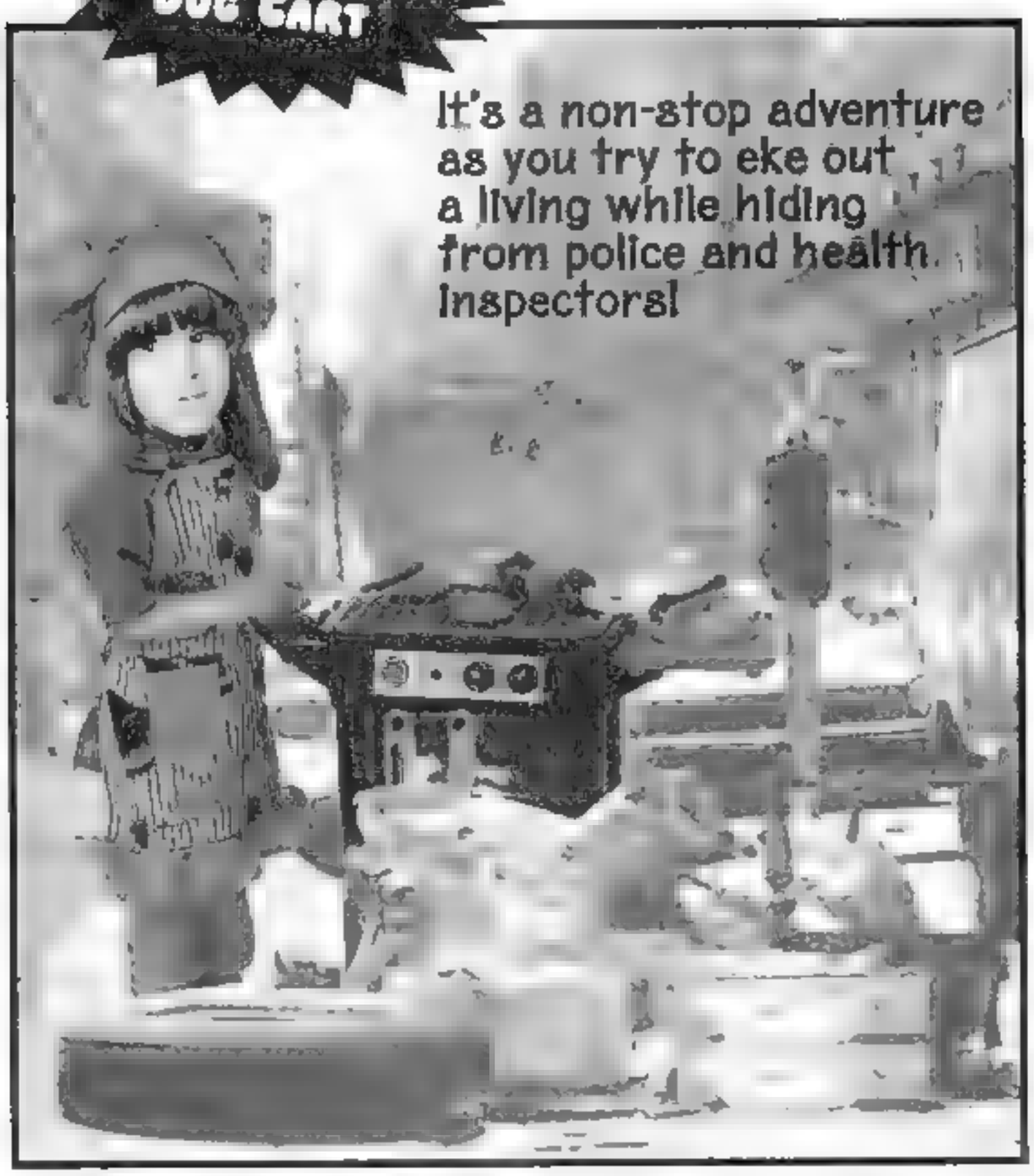
DREAM CRACK-HOUSE

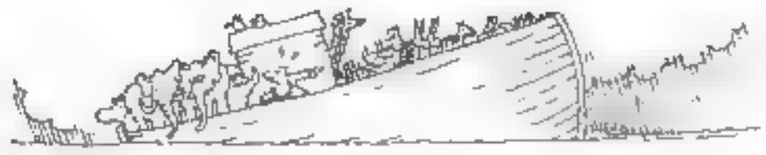
After cruising around in her 'Vette all day, where do Barbie and Ken go to get high? Crack not included.



MY FIRST UNLICENSED HOT DOG CART

It's a non-stop adventure as you try to eke out a living while hiding from police and health inspectors!





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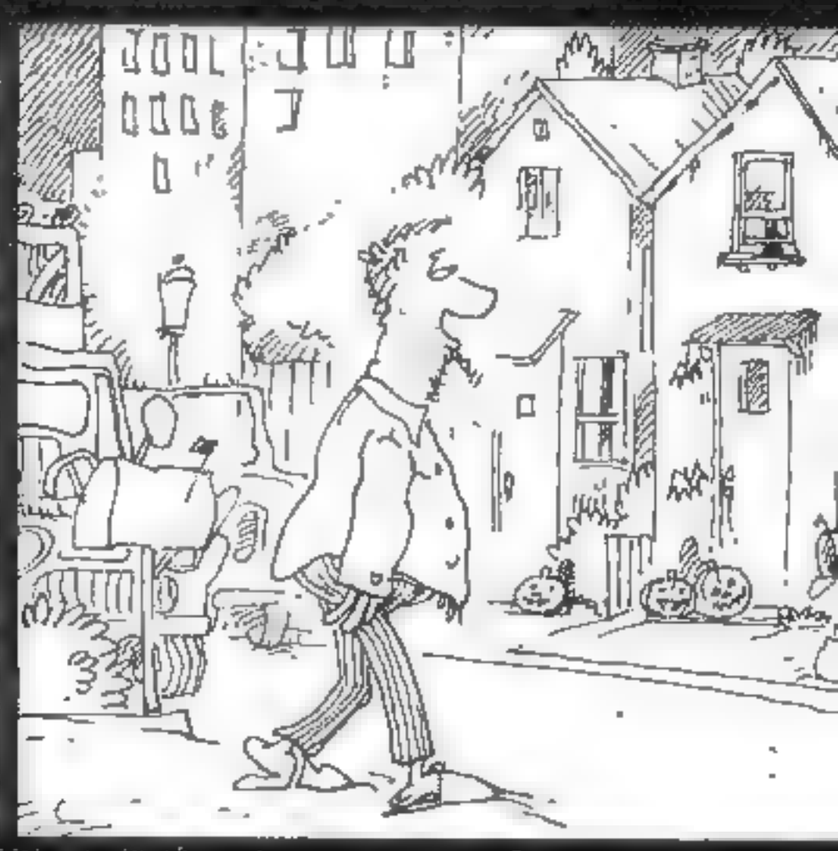
A MAD LOOK AT

ARTIST AND WRITER:
SERGIO ARAGONES



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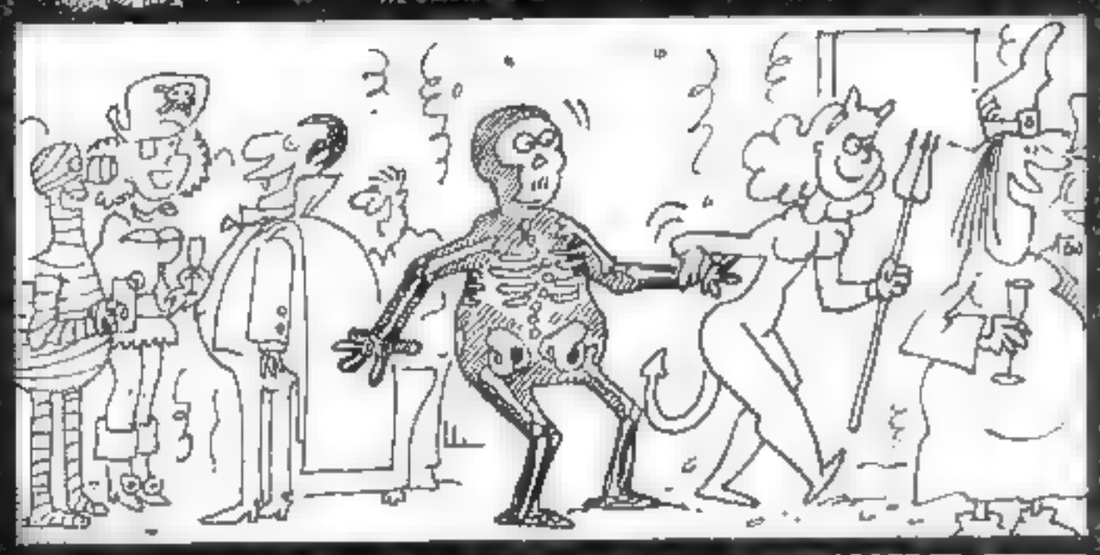

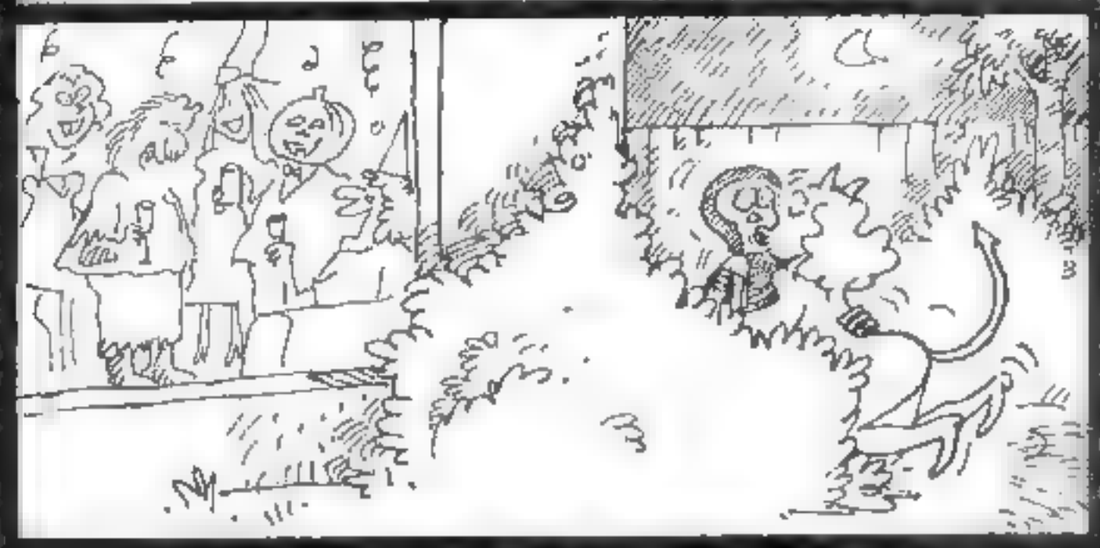

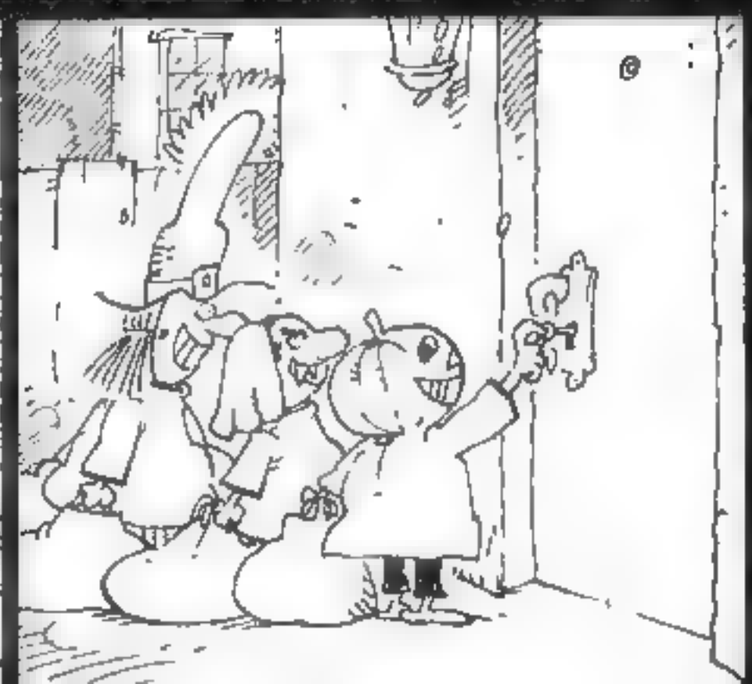

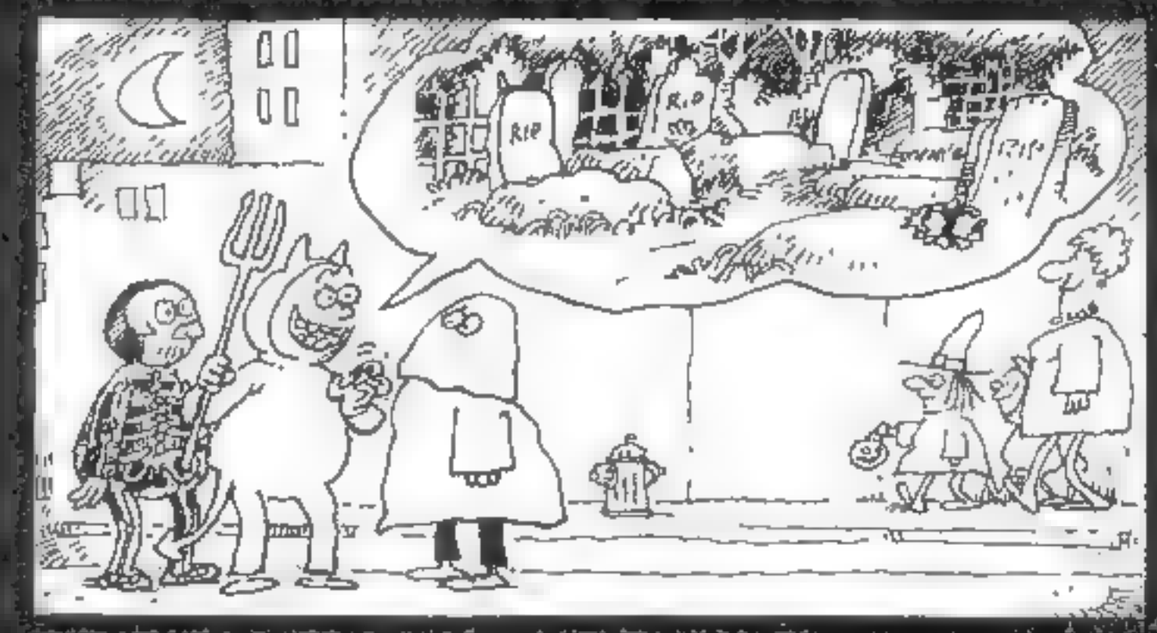
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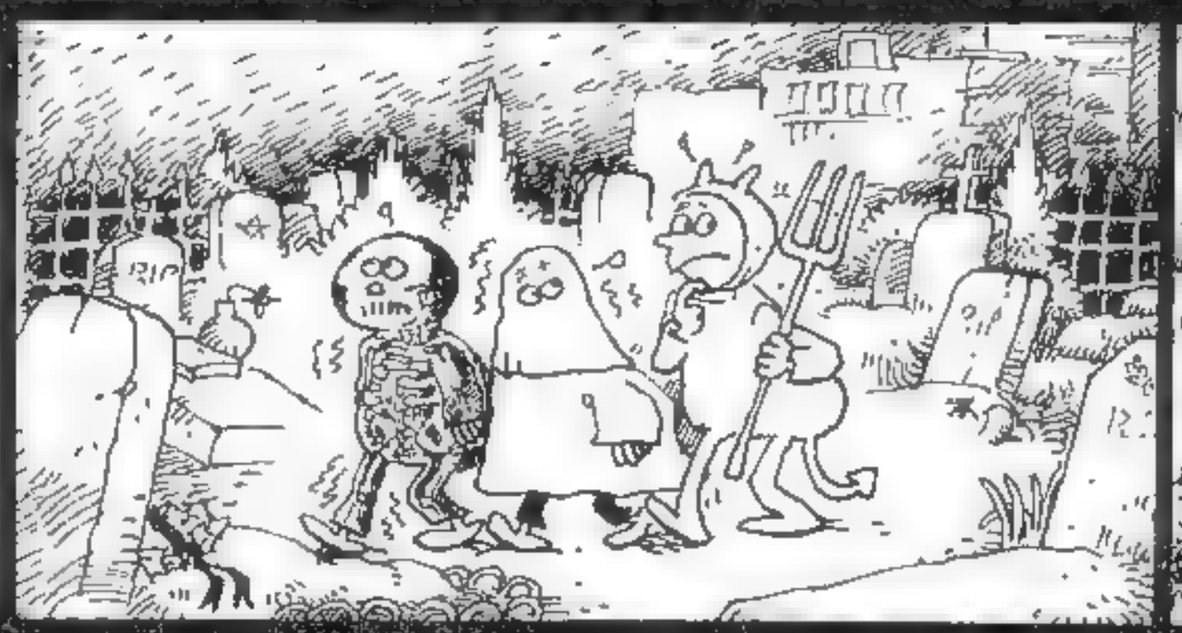
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CRUNCH!

DING DONG!
CANDY

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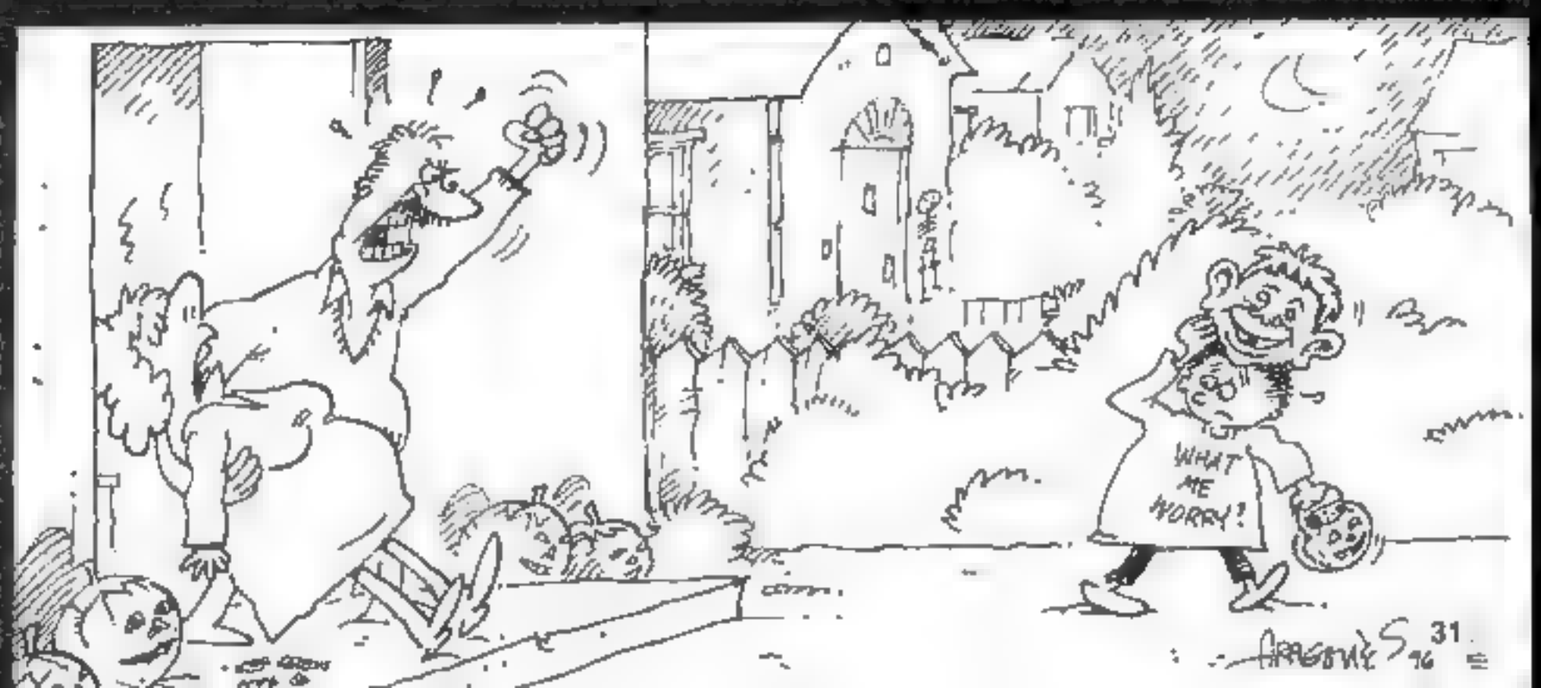
CANDY
SWEETS

DING DONG!
CANDY

DING DONG!

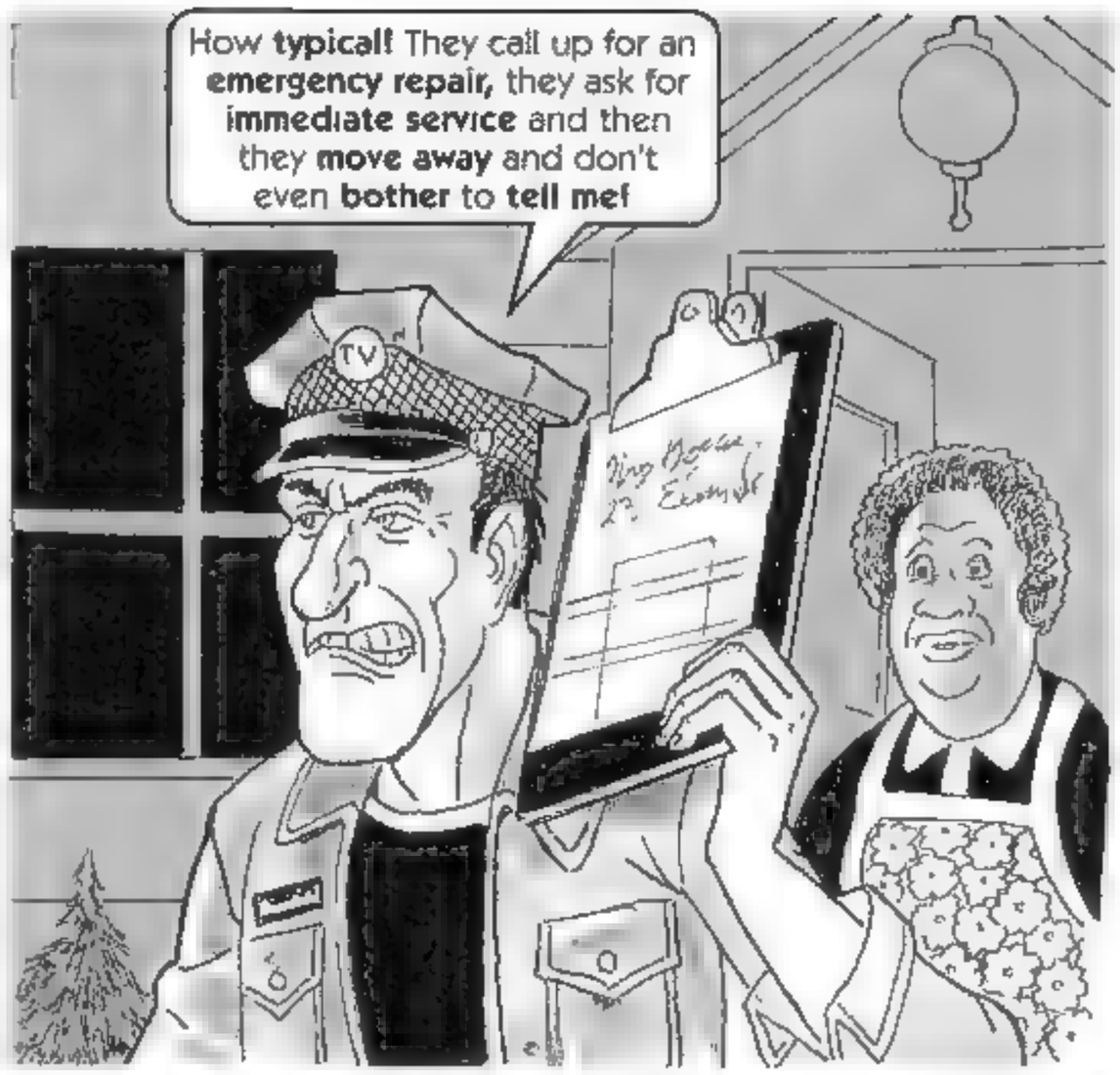

WHAT ME WORRY!

CAUTION

BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTE

SERVICE


How **typical!** They call up for an **emergency repair,** they ask for **immediate service** and then they **move away** and don't even **bother** to **tell me!**
TV

HIGH SCHOOL

Perhaps **you're right,** David! After **listening** to your **compelling argument** and weighing the **pros and cons** of the issue, I will definitely **change** your **grade** in this course from **an "F" to an "A"!**
Now please **put down** that **gun!**

R SIDE OF...

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

PHILOSOPHY

EXPERTISE

THERAPY

Dr. Forman, my husband is C.E.O. of a large corporation! I think he may want a divorce, but I'm not really sure!
What makes you think that?

GROOMING

EATING

But Mom, you've got it all wrong! We learned about the four basic food groups in school!
I don't care what your teacher says! I know what the four basic food groups are!

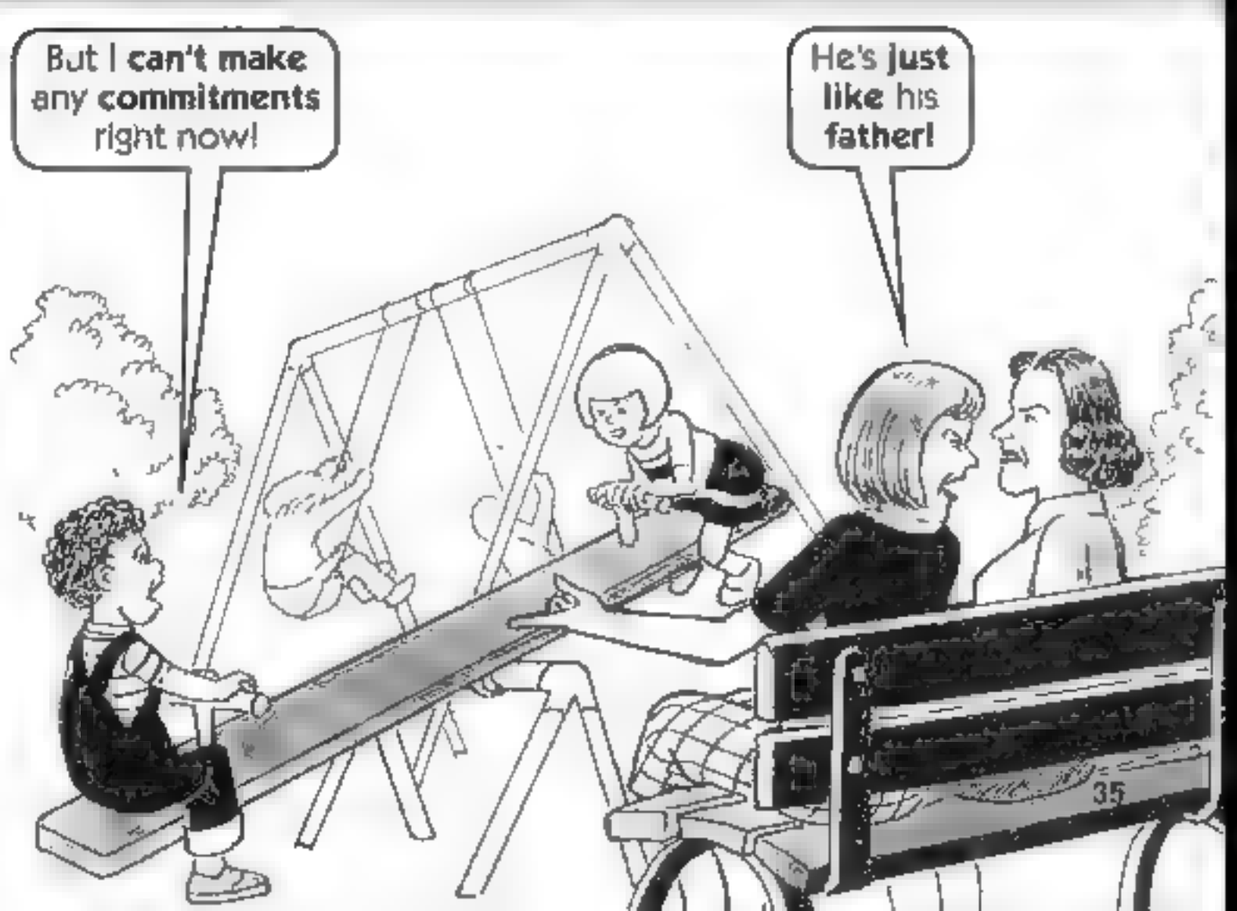
What's the difference between a puddle, and a superstar? — IT'S A MUDDY POINT.

HORTICULTURE

DATING

That's the **last time** I'll ever **discuss politics** with my **barber!**
I find you **fascinating,** Peter! Please **tell me more** about **yourself!**
What would you like to **know, Amy?**
How much do you **make** a **year, how much** do you **have** in the **bank,** are your **parents rich...**

RELATIONSHIPS



A lost couple accomplishment merits are most deserving of a two-hour *Biography* on A&E — Chris Farley, A.C. Cummings, John Sengstacke, Cassidy Curran — U.S.A. MOCKINGBIRD

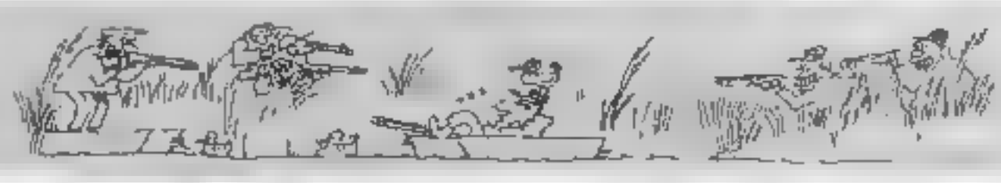
THE OFFICE

We've **reviewed** your **internship** here, Snoop, but we've decided **not** to **hire** you **full time!**
We **find** that you're **qualified** for **only one position...**
OUR jobs!

SOLUTIONS

69¢
What's wrong, Megan? You look so **upset!**
My **mother** sent me here, but I **forgot** to **take** the **shopping list!**
Sale
No problem! You can have **MY mother's!**

DOCTORS



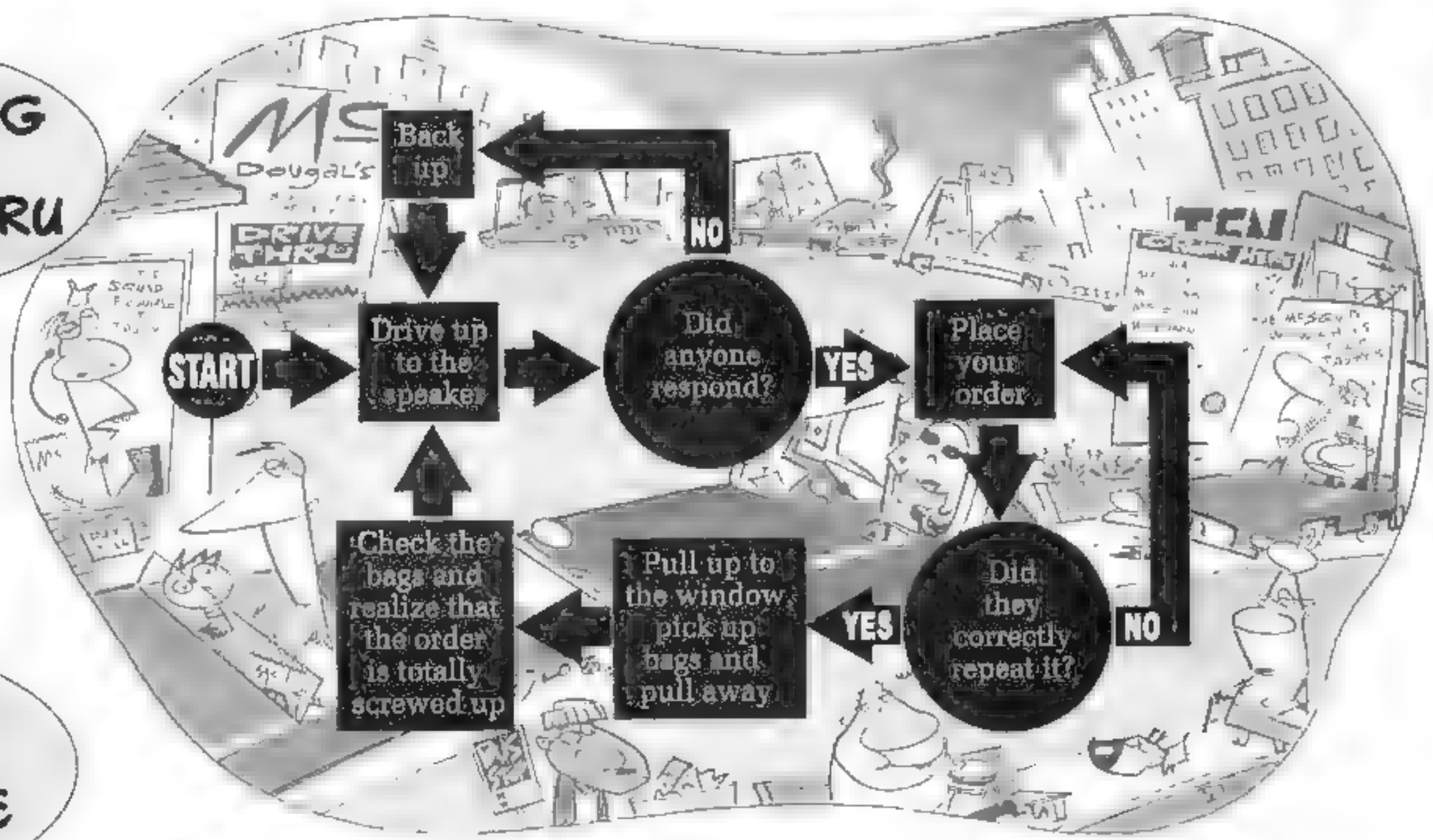
Well, if it isn't my **favorite hypochondriac,** Roger Kaputnik! What's your **problem** today?
I **don't know** yet, **Doctor!**
What's **going around?**

PUT A GRID ON IT DEPT.

Ah, is there anything more noble than the mighty flowchart? Elegant in its simplicity, its logical array of geometric shapes, each connected by nothing more than a few simple lines, renders even the most complex system or progression comprehensible to the average dolt (i.e. you, the typical MAD reader)! There are, however, some situations so twisted, so bizarre, so fraught with confusion that even the beloved flowchart can't handle them! With that in mind, we present to you...

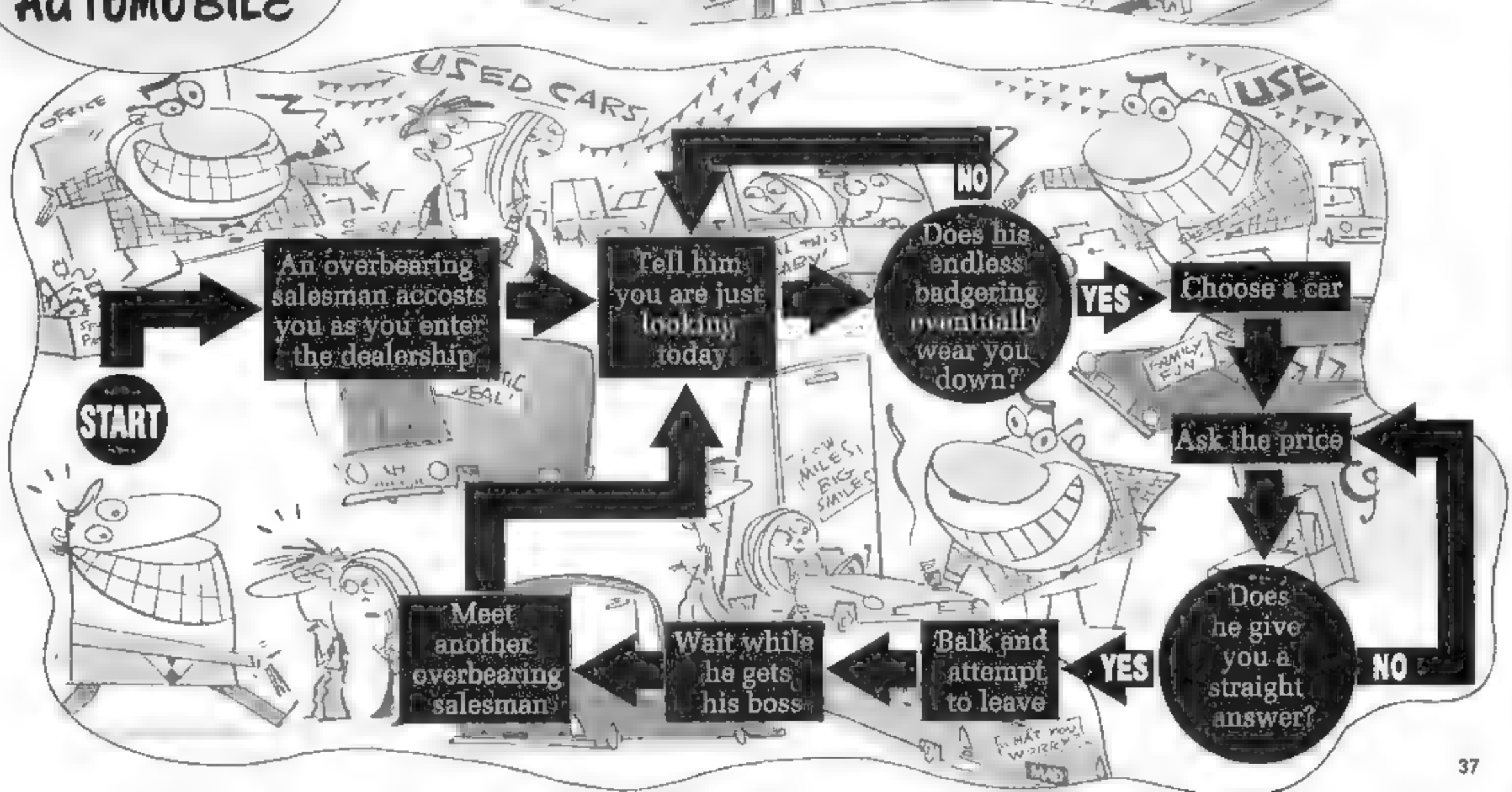
MAD'S FUTILE FLOWCHARTS

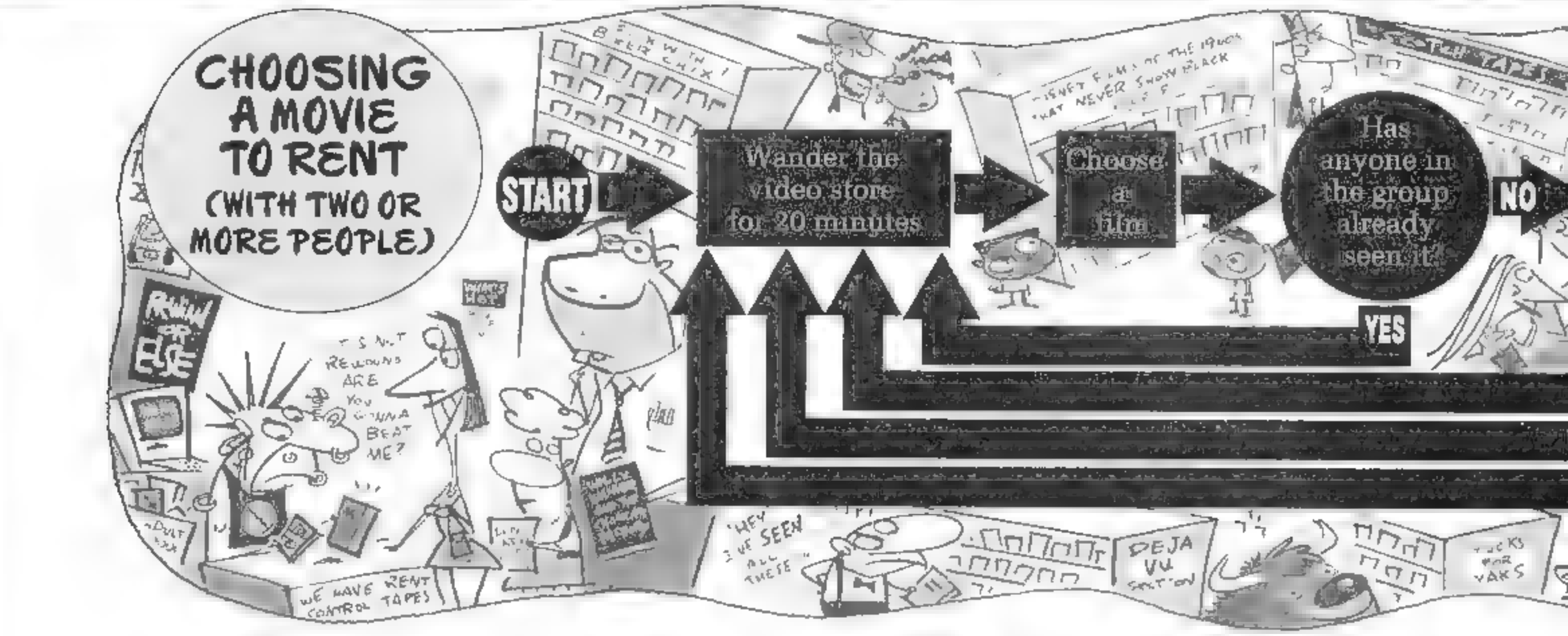
ORDERING AT A DRIVE-THRU

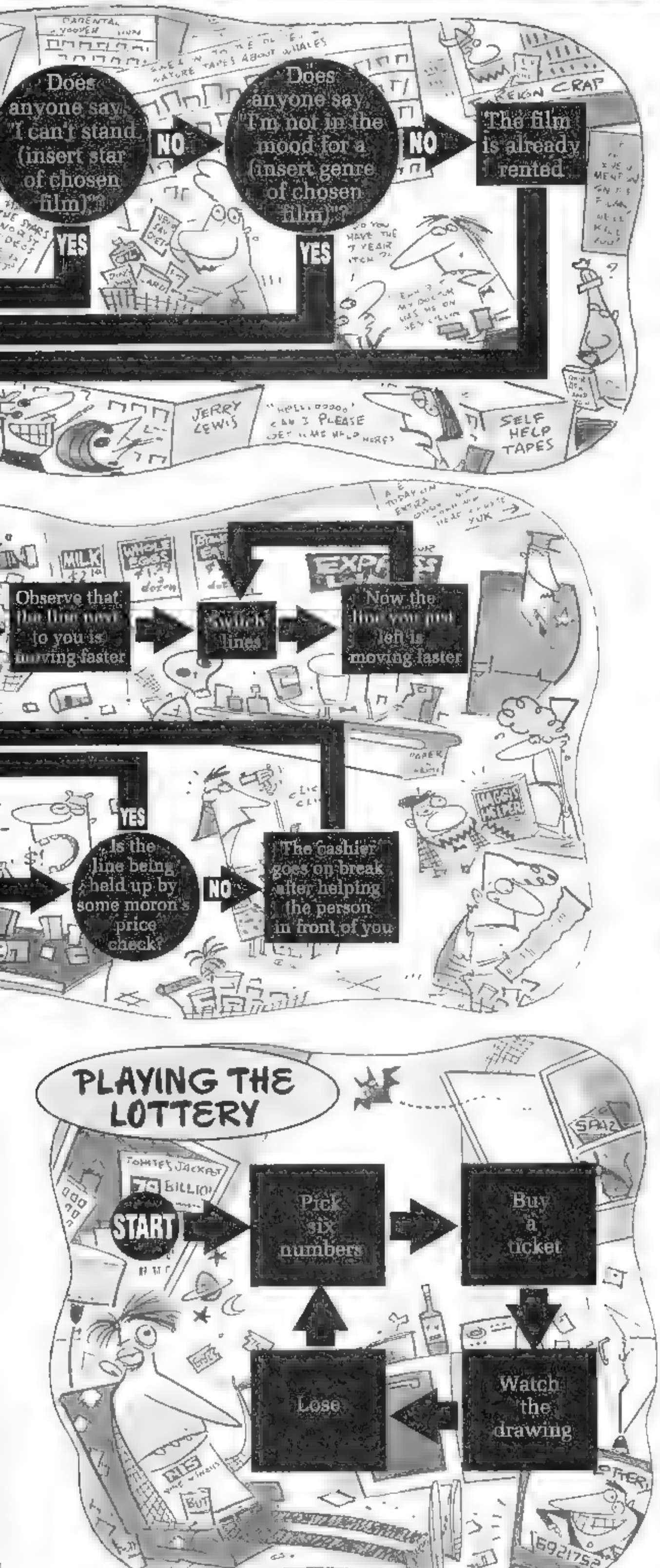


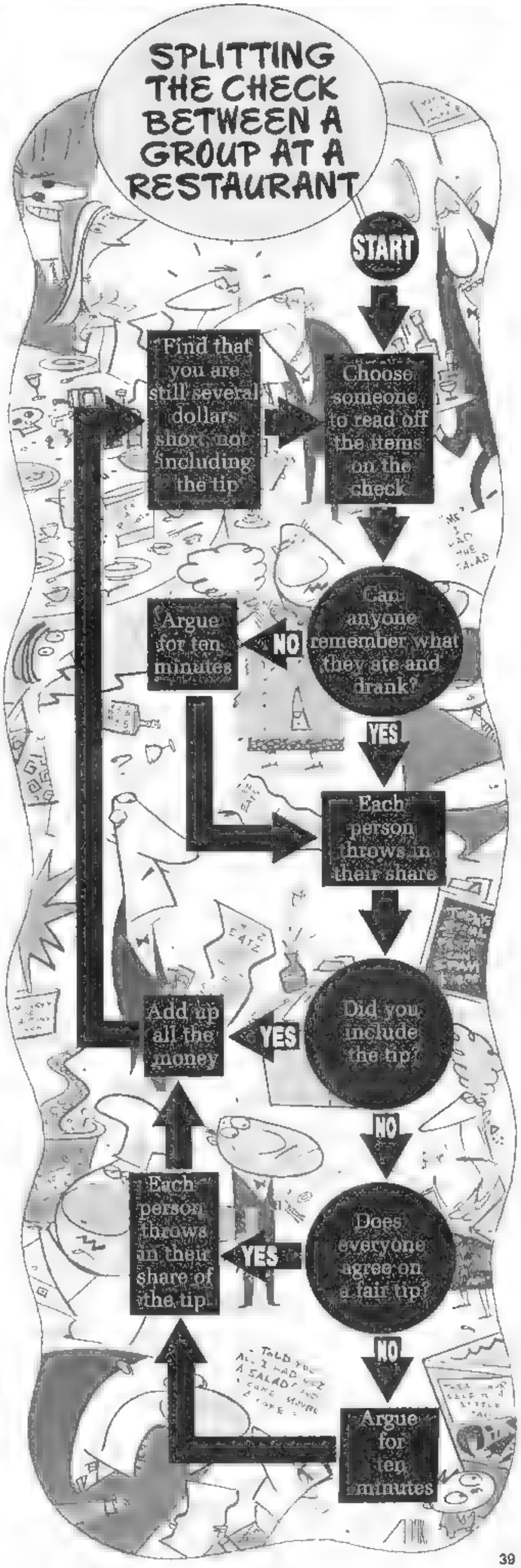
ARTIST: BOB STAAKE
WRITER: DARREN JOHNSON

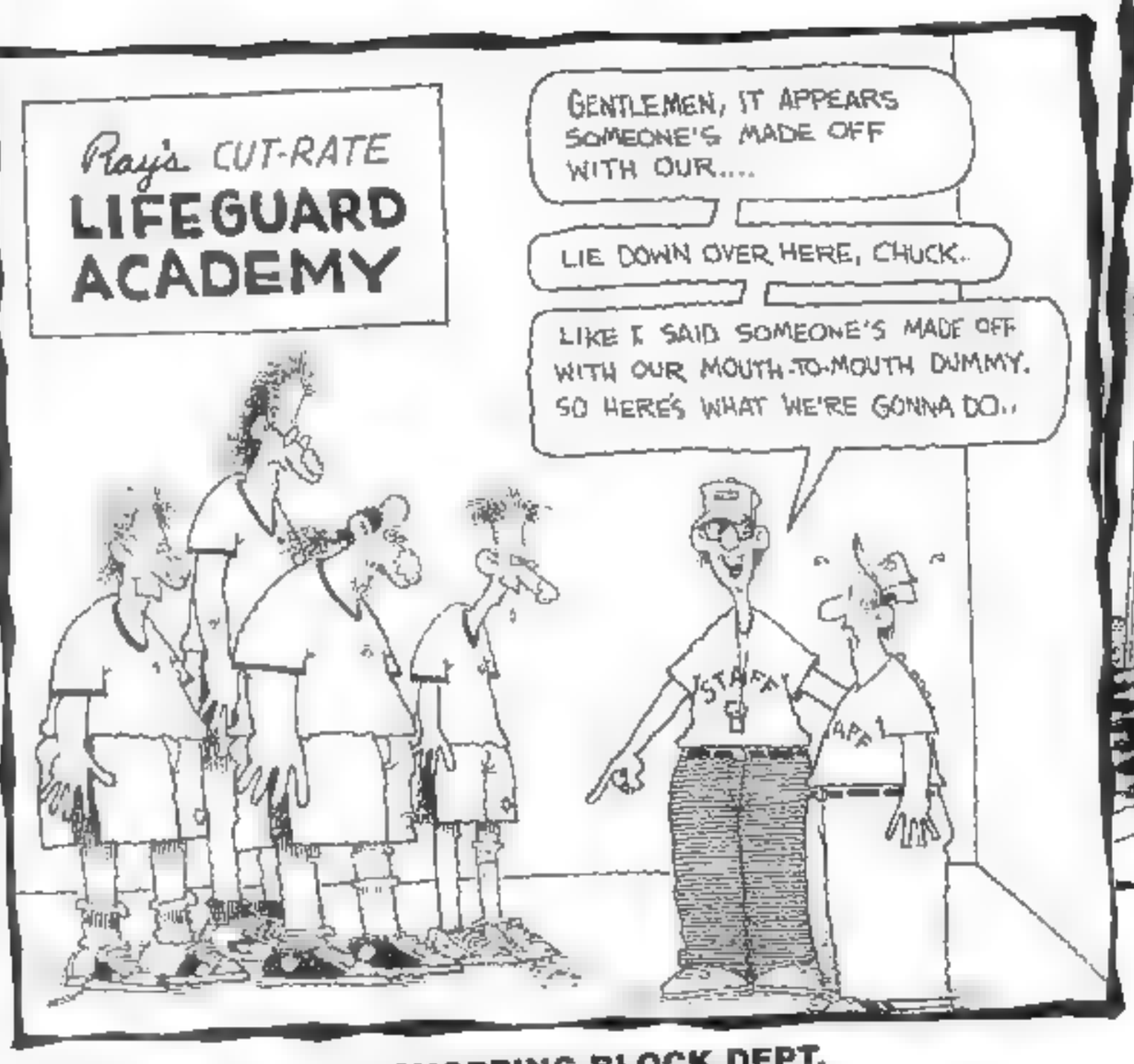
SHOPPING FOR AN AUTOMOBILE


START
An overbearing salesman accosts you as you enter the dealership
Tell him you are just looking today
Does his endless badgering eventually wear you down?
NO
YES
Choose a car
Ask the price
Does he give you a straight answer?
NO
YES
Balk and attempt to leave
Wait while he gets his boss
Meet another overbearing salesman


CHOOSING A MOVIE TO RENT (WITH TWO OR MORE PEOPLE)
START
Wander the video store for 20 minutes
Choose a film
Has anyone in the group already seen it
NO
YES
CHECKING OUT AT THE SUPERMARKET
START
Proceed to the checkout lane
Do you have eight items or less to qualify for the Cash-Only Express Lane
NO
Are you willing to dump all but eight of your items
NO
Pick another line
YES
YES
YES
YES
Wait in the Cash-Only Express Lane
Is the line being held up by some moron writing a check
NO
Is the line being held up by some moron with a cart load of items
NO
WATCHING A HORROR MOVIE
START
A group of teenagers arrives at secluded location
Convoluted story of escaped lunatic is told through poorly-acted badly written dialogue
Pounding is heard
Someone hears a noise and ventures out alone to investigate
The killer strikes while making several horrible puns
Are there any expendable characters still alive
YES
The hero attacks the killer and thinks he is dead
Has the movie run for 87 minutes
YES
The killer vanishes allowing for sequel
NO
The killer gets up and chases the hero


Does anyone say "I can't stand (insert star of chosen film)"?
NO
Does anyone say "I'm not in the mood for a (insert genre of chosen film)"?
NO
The film is already rented
YES
YES
JERRY LEWIS
SELF HELP TAPES
Observe that the line next to you is moving faster
Switch lines
Now the line you just left is moving faster
YES
Is the line being held up by some moron's price check?
NO
The cashier goes on break after helping the person in front of you
PLAYING THE LOTTERY
START
Pick six numbers
Buy a ticket
Watch the drawing
Lose

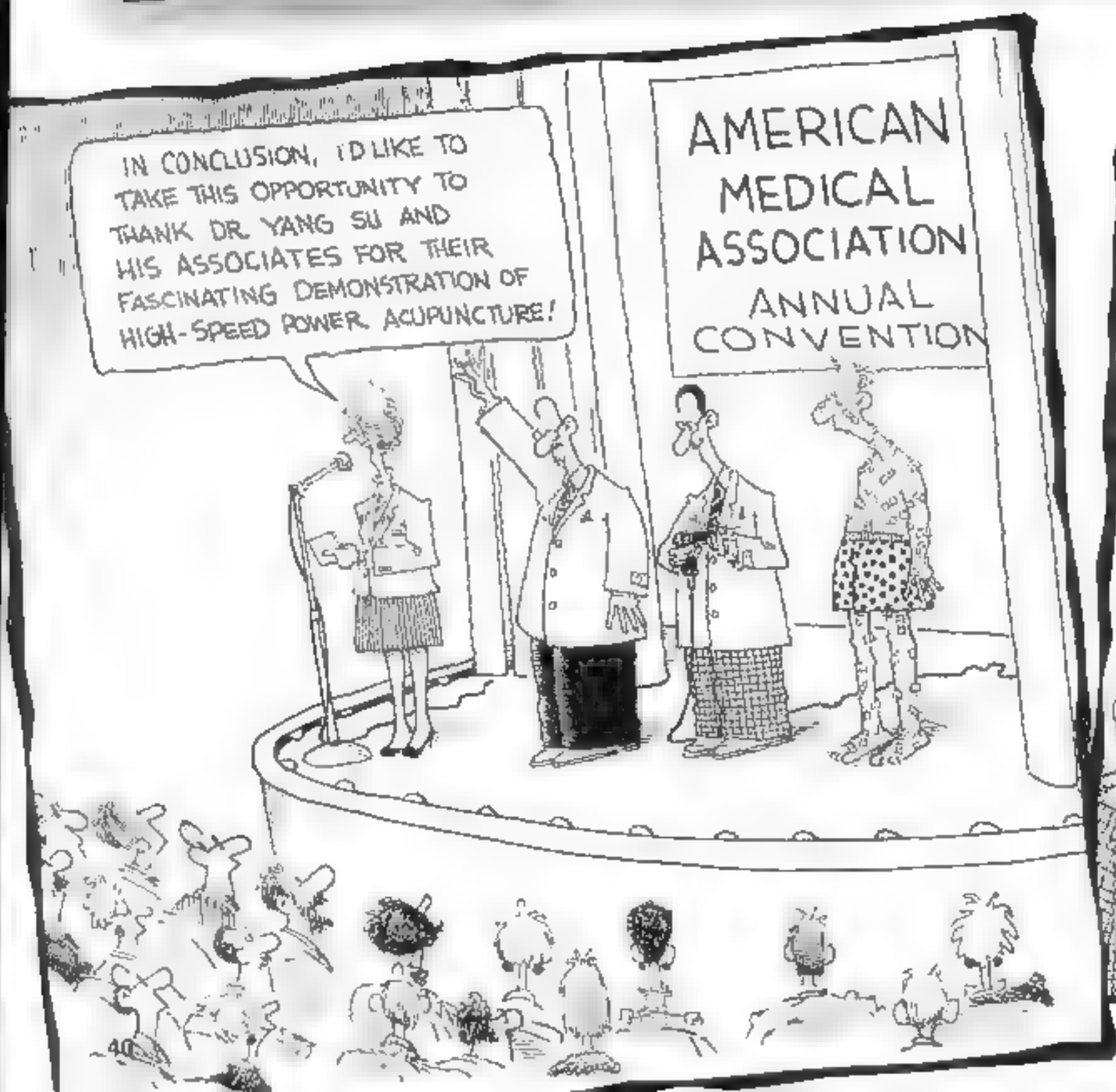

SPLITTING THE CHECK BETWEEN A GROUP AT A RESTAURANT
START
Choose someone to read off the items on the check
Find that you are still several dollars short, not including the tip
Can anyone remember what they ate and drank?
NO
Argue for ten minutes
YES
Each person throws in their share
Did you include the tip
YES
Add up all the money
NO
Each person throws in their share of the tip
Does everyone agree on a fair tip?
YES
NO
Argue for ten minutes


Ray's CUT-RATE
LIFEGUARD ACADEMY
GENTLEMEN, IT APPEARS SOMEONE'S MADE OFF WITH OUR....
LIE DOWN OVER HERE, CHUCK.
LIKE I SAID SOMEONE'S MADE OFF WITH OUR MOUTH-TO-MOUTH DUMMY. SO HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO..
STAFF
STAFF

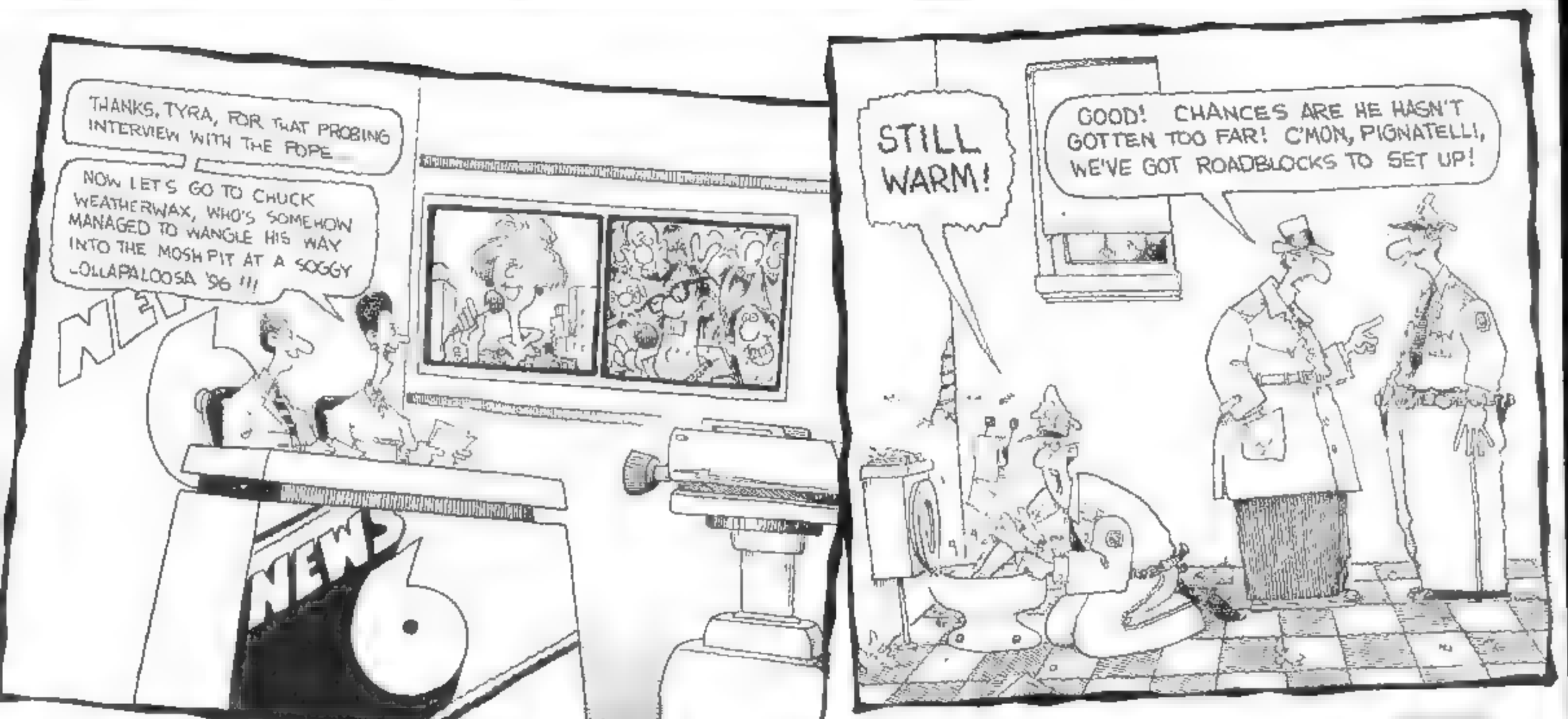
NEW KID ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK DEPT.

Everyone is not treated equally in the workplace. One's position, contrary to popular belief, is not usually based on skill, charm or bedroom antics with the boss — though that rarely hurts! No treatment is based on time — years of service to a company. Usually a new worker is condemned to gruntwork until a newer putz with even LESS seniority is hired. It's generally easy to spot the office whipping boy, though, which is why MAD challenges you to view the following workplace scenes and

GUESS WHO HAS


IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK DR. YANG SU AND HIS ASSOCIATES FOR THEIR FASCINATING DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH-SPEED POWER ACUPUNCTURE!
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONVENTION

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF STUNTMEN
LOCAL 605
BRANCUSI, YOU'RE IN LUCK! THEY NEED SOMEONE ON THE SET OF ACE VENTURA III TO FALL THREE STORIES INTO A VAT OF BABOON DUNG!


THANKS, TYRA, FOR THAT PROBING INTERVIEW WITH THE POPE...
NOW LET'S GO TO CHUCK WEATHERWAX, WHO'S SOMEHOW MANAGED TO WANGLE HIS WAY INTO THE MOSH PIT AT A SOGGY LOLLAPALOOSA '96 !!!
NEWS
STILL WARM!
GOOD! CHANCES ARE HE HASN'T GOTTEN TOO FAR! C'MON, PIGNATELLI, WE'VE GOT ROADBLOCKS TO SET UP!

NO SENIORITY!

ARTIST AND WRITER JOHN CALDWELL

WISCONSIN STATE HOME FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE
SEX CRIMES WING
OKAY, THE CHEST IS A 72' NOW THE ONLY THING LEFT TO DO IS THE INSEAM...
OH, PERKINS!!!
RECEPTION AREA

AND THIS DEPARTMENT, FOLKS, IS WHERE WE PUT OUR LATEST MODELS TO THE TEST!
PROTECTO ATHLETIC CUPS INC
HOW'S IT GOING, GUYS?
TERRIFIC!
JUST GREAT!
ACTUALLY, I'VE HAD BETTER DAYS!!!

WITLESS PROTECTION PROGRAM DEPT.

Hell-o! My name is **Ah-nuld Schwarzenneger!** I am de **biggest box office star** in de vorld! I expected my **new movie** to make **millions!** And instead, **vhat happens?** Ve are **blown away** by de likes of a **tornado, little martians** und **Eddie Murphy** so **fat** he looks like he needs **Deal-A-Meal!** I tell you, dis **whole ting** is a real...

You've just been **erased!** Now, you must **disappear** and begin a **new life** in a **new location,** vhere **no one** vill **find** you! Vhere **no one** vill **care!**

But **where** should **I go?**

Have you ever heard of **Staten Island?**

That's **Jawn Kroaker!** His **nickname** is "The Disgracer"!

What is his **exact title?**

"**Lumbering Slab** in **Charge** of **Blowing** up **Stuff**"!

FOR SALE OR RENT PLEASE!

At 48, **Schwarzenegger** is starting to get a **little craggy!**

I **give** Arnold a "**thumbs up**"!

Are **you** a **reviewer?**

I'm a **doctor!** At Arnold's **age,** before each picture, the **studio insists** he gets a **prostate exam!**

THE GODFATHER PART III

These **movies** are much **more violent** than the **ones** we did **years ago!**

Tell me about it! **This** film makes ***The Godfather*** look like ***Sense and Sensibility!***

DISGRACER

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

I'm Leep Crouton! I'm a deep cover witness!

We're with the Federal Witness Protection Program! We will give you a new life! A new identity! They'll never know who you are!

You can really do all that?

You'll disappear! You'll be unknown! It worked for Herbie Shluggarman!

Who the heck is Herbie Shluggarman?

See? I told you it works well!

This film is a very physical part for Arnold, but it allows him to display a tender side not seen in a long time!

Oh, yeah? Since when?

Since *Conan The Barbarian!*

Jawn, you're a **legend!** You're the **best agent** in the **game!**

I **had** de **best teacher** — you!

You're **indestructible!** You're a **machine!** You **excel** at **everything!**

Everyding?

Well, **except** the **language!** Too bad you can't **erase** that **bad accent!**

Her name is **Leep Crouton!** She works at **Cypox!** She stumbled onto an **illegal arms deal! The Feds** are sending her in **undercover!** Keep an eye on her, **or else!**

Or else vhat?

Or else, I'M your **romantic interest,** sweet-heart!

She's in! It's a **tough assignment!** The **big question** is, can she **do it?**

Can she get the **incrim-inating evidence?**

No, can she make this a more suspenseful **"disk copying sequence"** than the ones in ***Mission: Impossible*** and ***The Net!***

Well, **so far,** she's running a **distant third!**

I am **not** a **happy camper!** We've caught you **sneak-ing in!**

What are you going **to do?**

You leave me **no choice!** Let me lay **my brains** on the **table!**

You mean lay your ***cards*** on the **table?**

Not in **this movie!**

CAN WE TALK?

BOOB

BABE

BLAM

I em U.S. Marshall **Jawn Kroaker!** I'm here to **protect you!** You're in an ëxtremely **high-risk situation!**

I'm **not** the one with a **spike** in his **hand!**

Yes, but dis **wound** vill **miraculously disappear** in **seconds! Your** problem vill be **dragged out** for **two interminable hours!**

I vill **erase** your **past** to **protect** your **future!** Ve vill **change** your **name,** your **identity** und your **location!**

Trust **me!** Ve vill **hide you** some-place vhere **no one** will **find you!**

Will I be **safe?**

Where's that?

ALLIGATOR FARM

Here at de **Molly Ringvald Film Festival!** No **human being** has come here for **years!**

Damn, **you're good!**

ZZZ

SIXTEEN HANDLES FOR CREEPS

SLINKY IN PINK

THE BREAKFAST SLOB

It's you, **Bobby!** You're the **mole!**

My **constant sneer** should have been the **tipoff!**

Und you **drügged** my **mineral water!**

Technically, no! I just replaced t with **Los Angeles tap water!**

You **fiend!**

SALTED NUTS

And now the film's most **spëctacular** and **preposterous stunt** — I vill set an **engine** on **fire, leap** from de **plane** in pursuit of a **parachute** that's **gone out** ahead of me, **free fall, catch up** wit it, **strap it on,** and then, if de **wind** is **right, repair** de **özone layer!**

I bet **audiences** would be a lot more **impressed** if **Pierce Brosnan** hadn't done almost the **exact same skydiving stunt** in ***Goldeneye!***

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

You've **shot** the **glass tank,** unleashing the **man-eating alligators!**

For **them,** it's **man-eating alligators!** For **me,** it's a **petting zoo!**

Shooting out a **glass tank** to get away? That's **ANOTHER** ***Mission: Impossible*** **plot device!** These people have **no shame!**

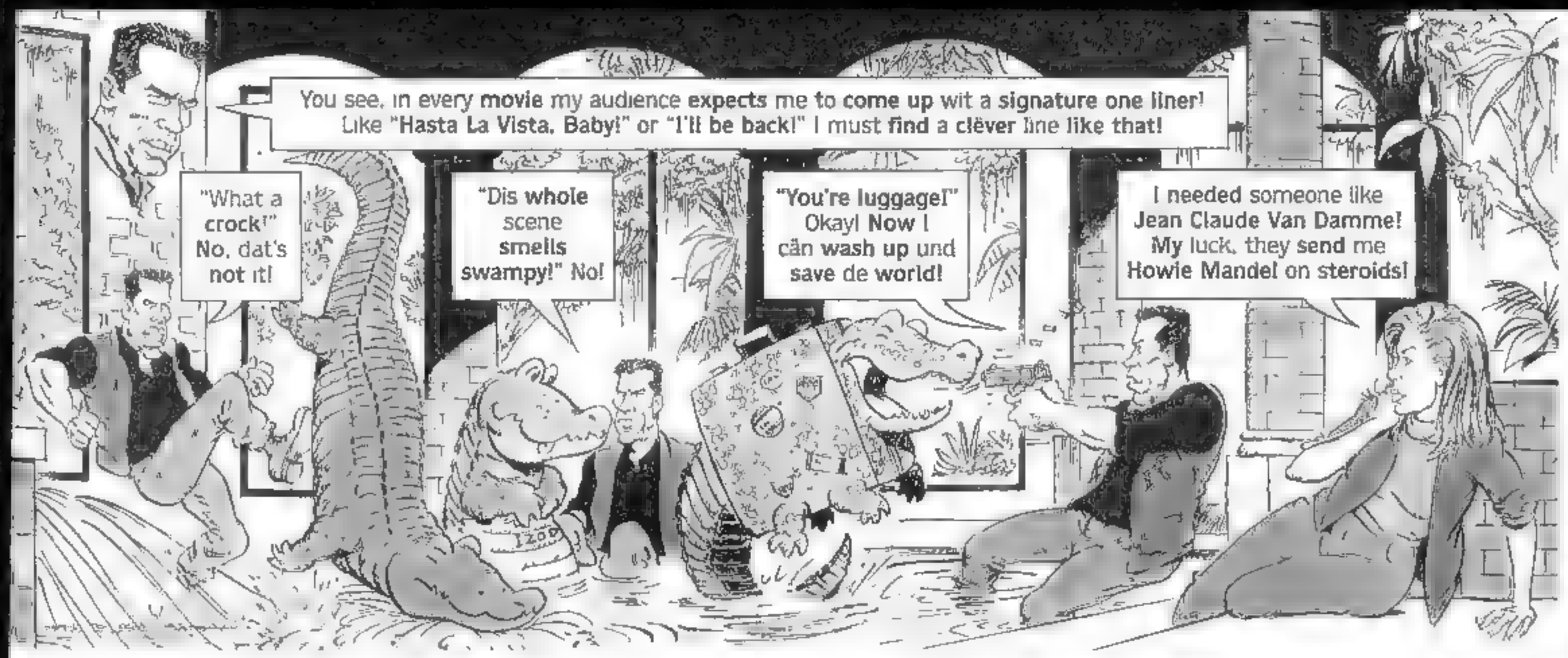
Hey, **Cruise,** you should **talk!** We **shot** out the **glass tank** first in ***Lethal Weapon 2!***

Incredible! You've killed them **all! Let's go!**

Not yet! I have **unfinished work** here!

More **killing** and **maiming?**

No! More one-liners!


You see, in every movie my audience expects me to come up wit a signature one liner! Like "Hasta La Vista, Baby!" or "I'll be back!" I must find a clëver line like that!
"What a crock!" No, dat's not it!
"Dis whole scene smells swampy!" No!
"You're luggage!" Okay! Now I cän wash up und save de world!
I needed someone like Jean Claude Van Damme! My luck, they send me Howie Mandel on steroids!
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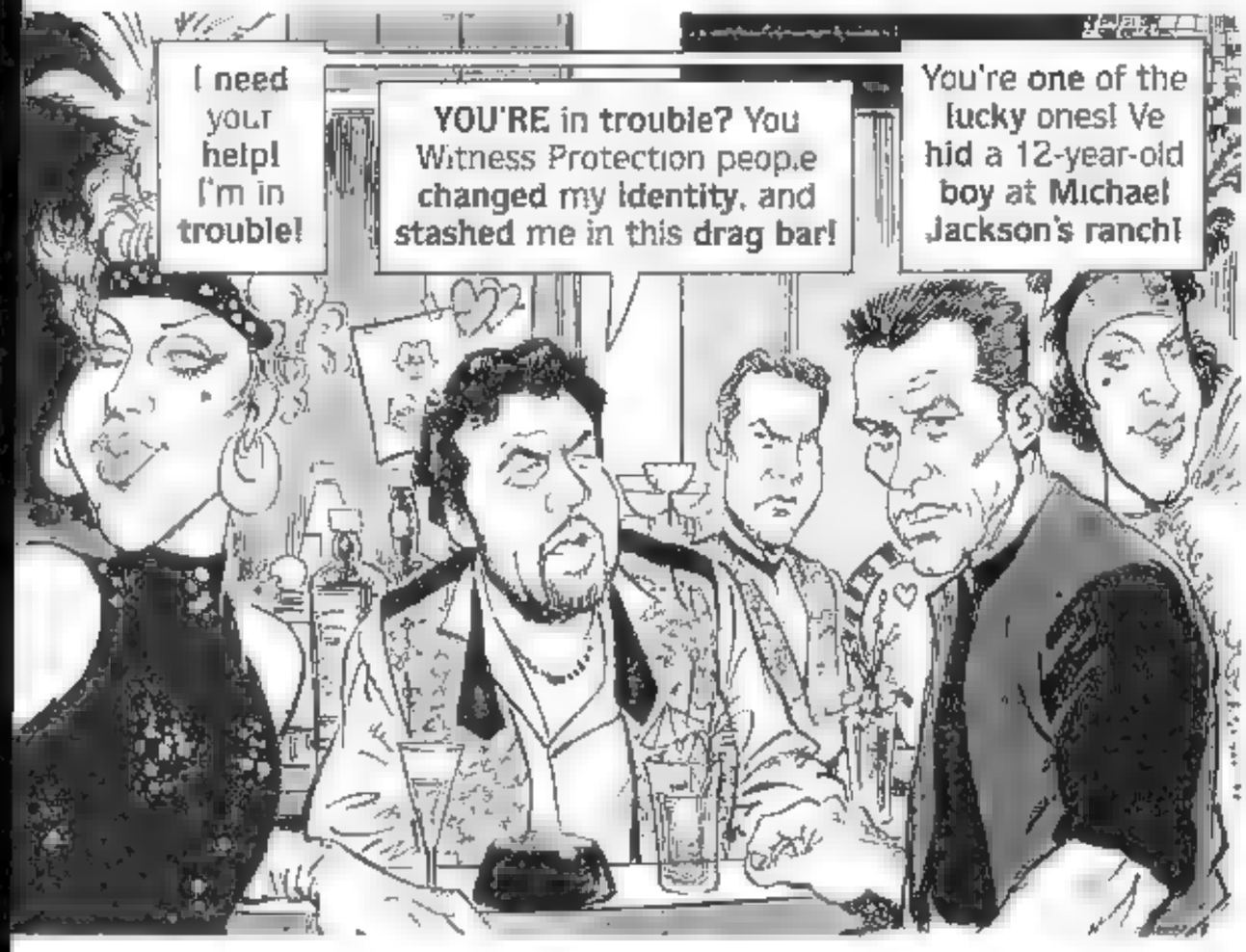
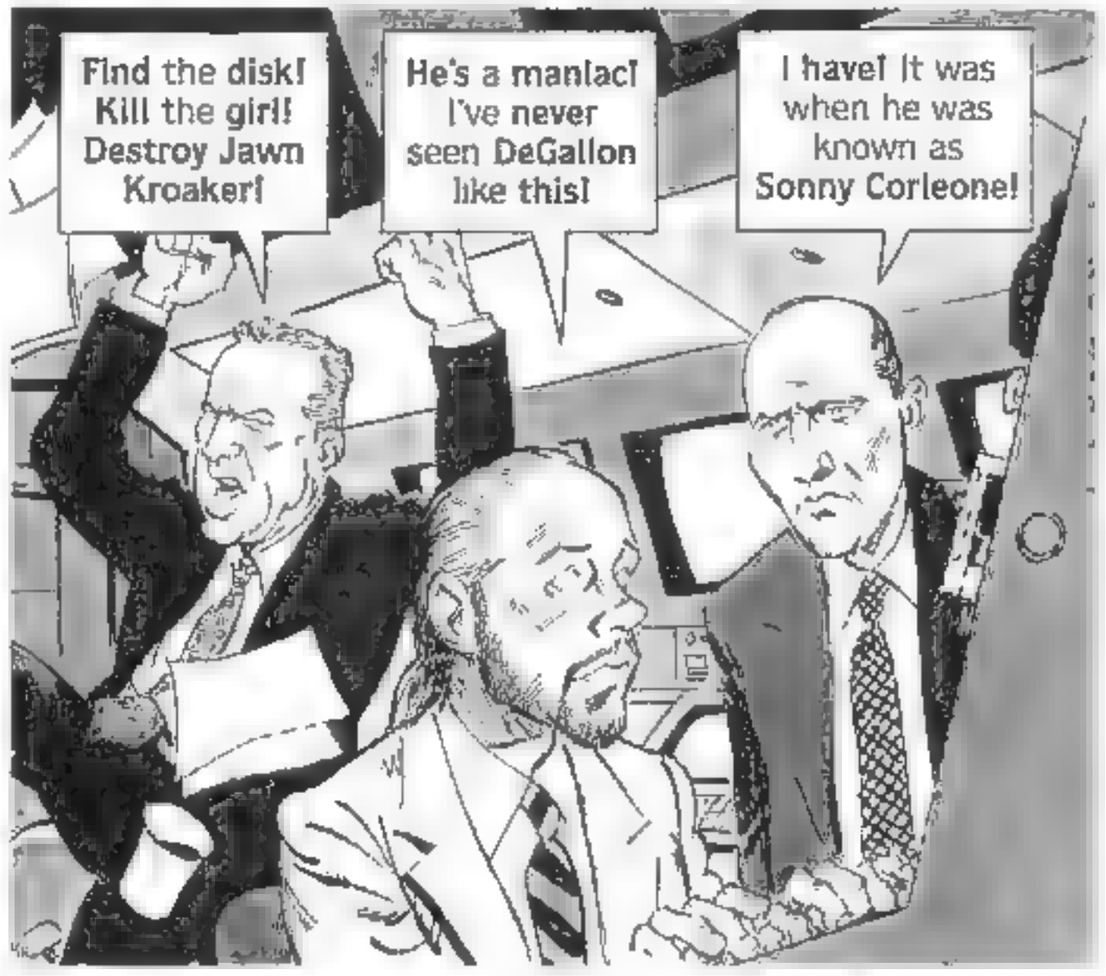
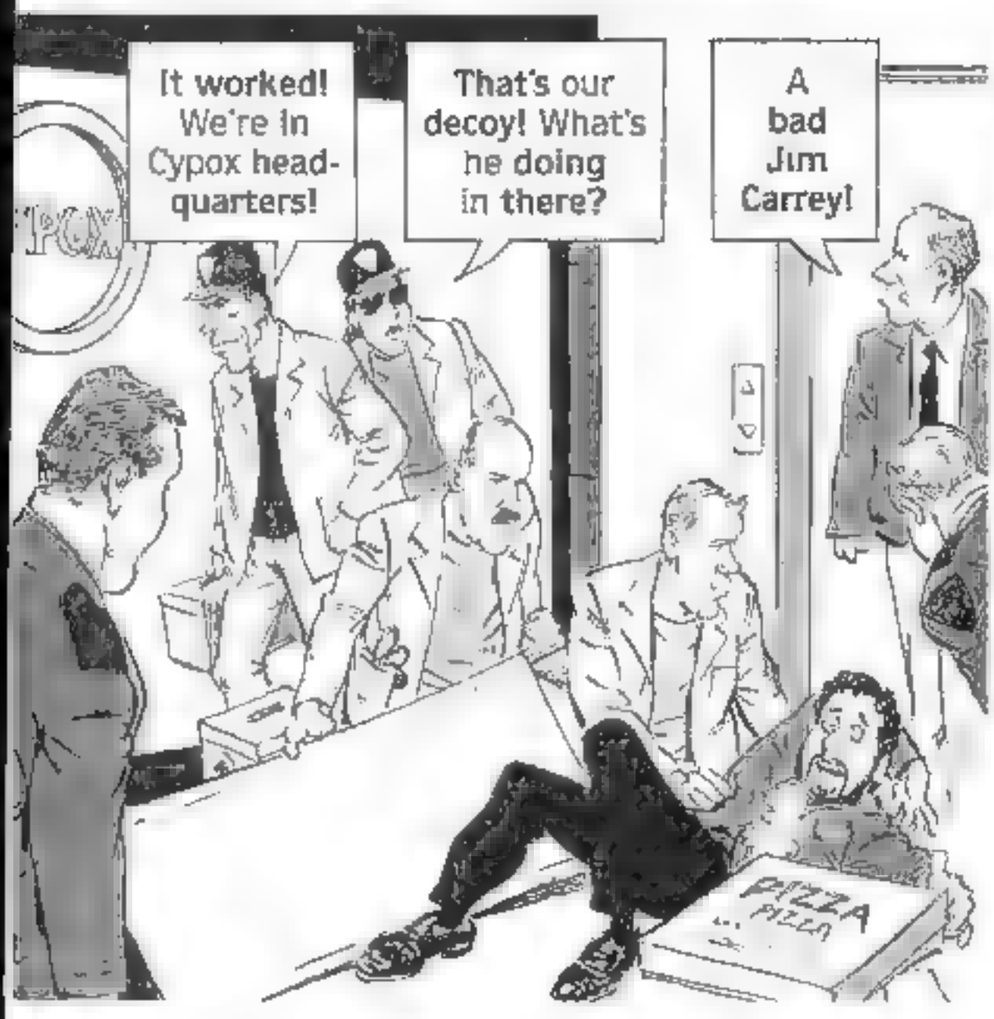

I need your help! I'm in trouble!
YOU'RE in trouble? You Witness Protection peop.e changed my identity, and stashed me in this drag bar!
You're one of the lucky ones! Ve hid a 12-year-old boy at Michael Jackson's ranch!


Find the disk! Kill the girl! Destroy Jawn Kroaker!
He's a maniac! I've never seen DeGallon like this!
I have! It was when he was known as Sonny Corleone!



Man, who's the tree trunk?
He's with me! Jawn, meet my buddies... Tony "Three Toes" Chianti, Vito Bardolino and Frank "The Groin" Valpolicella!
Who de heck are dey?
Let's put it this way — they're not part of a Washington Think Tank!
SAVE OUR FORESTS
THE BUCKS STOP HERE

Which are the most rich y textured and emotiona y rewarding the "very special" ep sodes of *Step By Step*, or the regular old kind? IT'S A MOOT POINT

Nobody ships top-secret Rail Guns to international terrorists without union help!

Get outta here you punks!

Listen up, scuzzball! If you don't let us in, we'll fill you with more holes than this script!

Hey! let them through right now!

I don't get it! The man's as huge as Nevada and we keep missing him!

And we have this powerful new Rail Gun — a heat-seeking assault rifle!

If someone ever invents a monotone-seeking assault rifle, he'll be a dead man!

MOSHOLU

He's still functioning! He's been skewered through the hand, poked through the thigh, and now, shot in the shoulder!

It's to grab the teens in the audience! They can relate to this!

They can?

Yeah! A lot of them are into body piercing!

It's amazing! How can you be wounded, fight off the villians and still save me with one hand?

I had lots of practice!

With the Federal Marshall's Office?

Vith Jamie Lee Curtis! We did dis exact same scene in *True Lies!*

Congratulations, Jawn! You did it again! Successsfully protected your witness while piling up corpses at an incredible rate!

THE EX-TERMINATOR

My job here is finished!

Not so fast! As long as you're erasing, I order you to erase my performance in *Hudson Hawk!*

And wipe out any trace of me in *For The Boys!*

Erase that porno spread I did that ran in *Penthouse!*

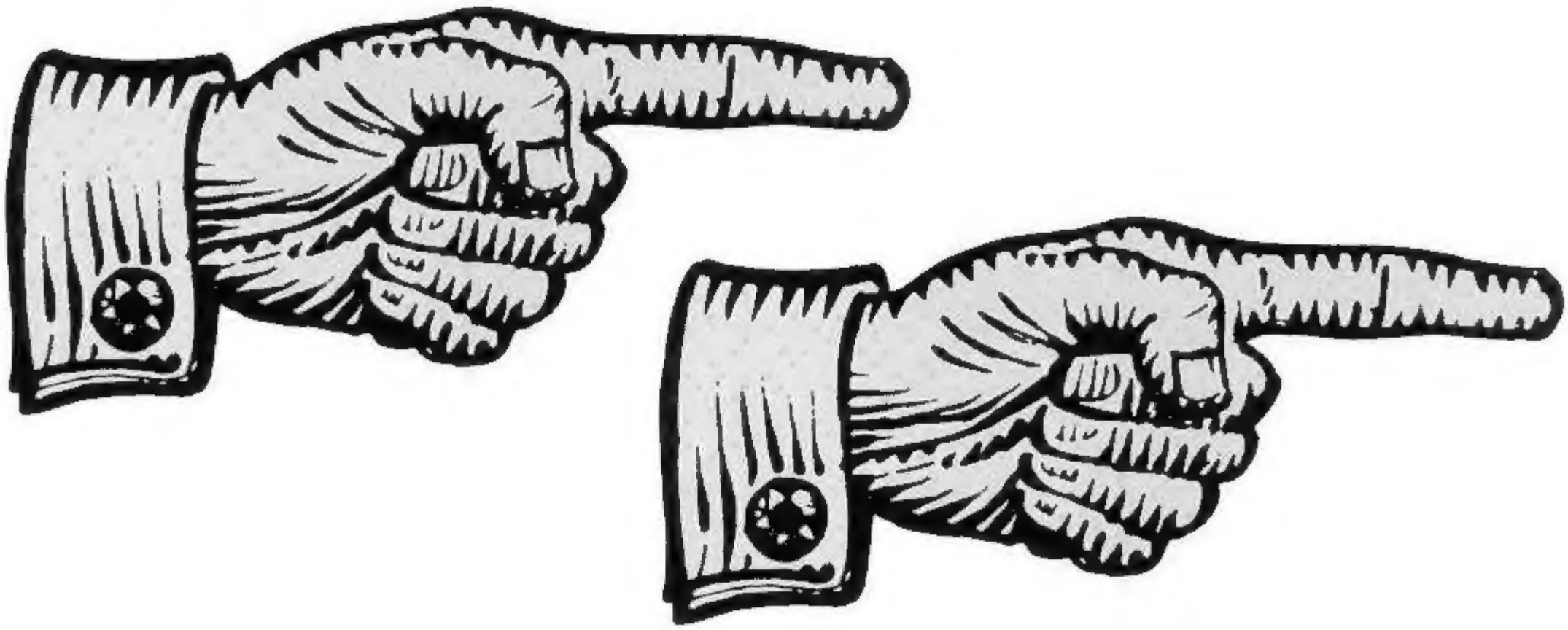
Wait your turn! First I must erase *Junior* und *Last Action Hero!*

Which are better drawn — the Sunday Ca lly com c strips, or the da ly ones? — IT S A MOOT PO,NT

THE EXQUISITE EXORCISM EXPERIENCE

Mommy, why is EVERYBODY in my ROOM?
Glory be, VENTRILOQUIST PRIEST, you DID IT AGAIN! You TRICKED Satan himself!
It's been a HELLUVA day!

ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING



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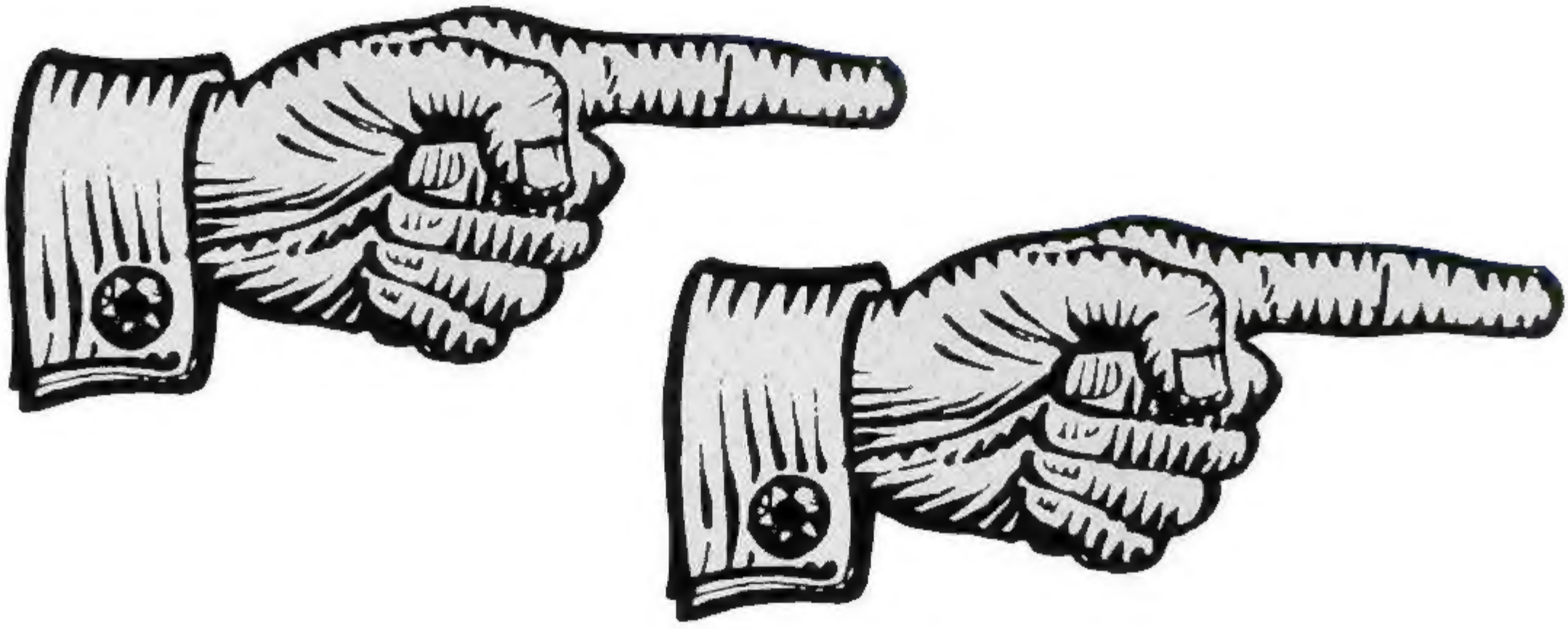

WHAT PROPOSED MERGER IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MOVING QUICKLY TO BLOCK?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

The latest trend in business is to form mega-conglomerates by merging one company with another. This creates a corporate synergy that is praised in Washington D.C. But there is one type of merger that the government is steadfast in its opposition. To find out what it is, simply fold page in as shown.

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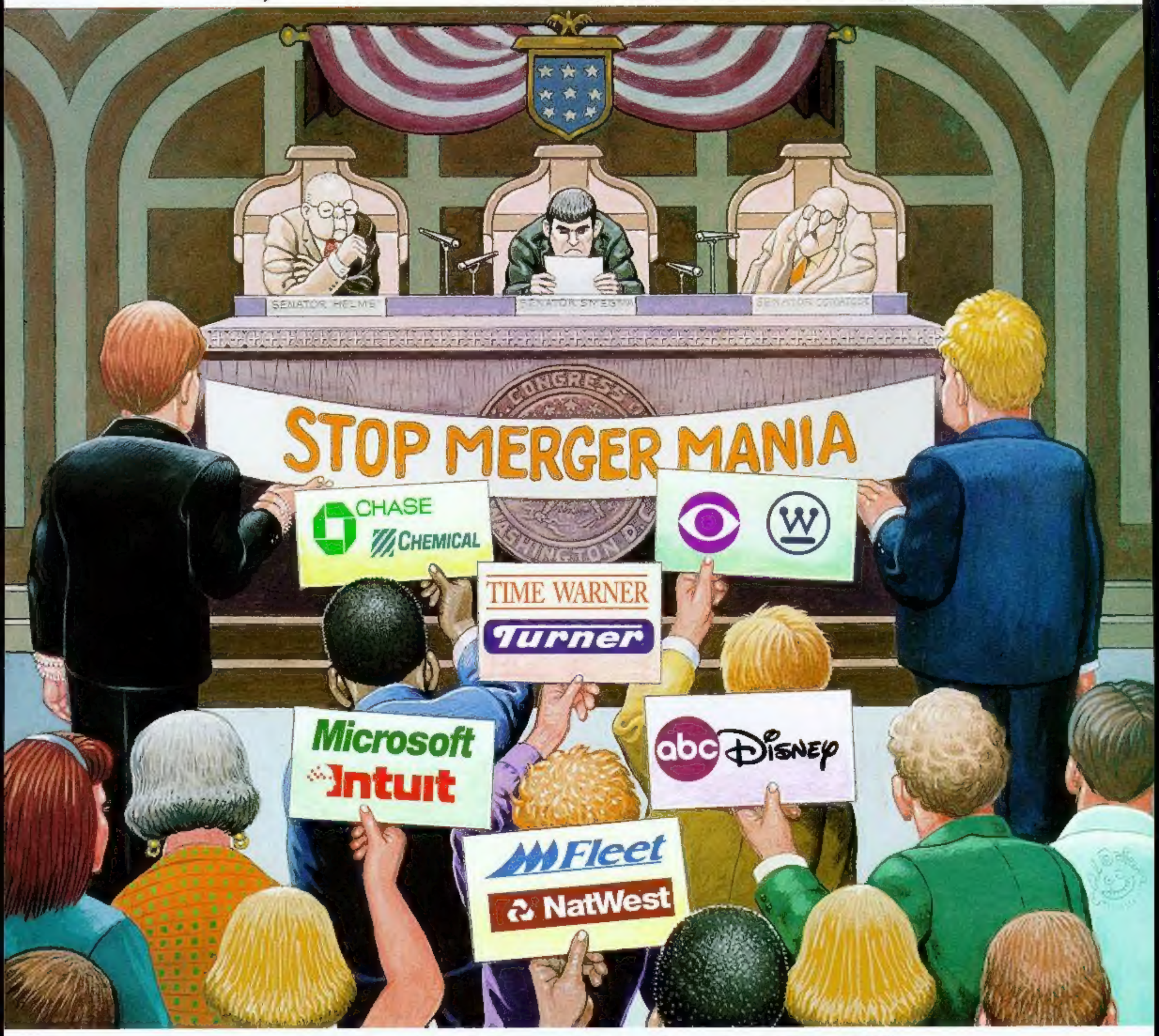

SADLY, A DESIRE TO COMBINE CAN CREATE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS. LAWMAKERS WILL NOT FIX MARGINALLY SENSIBLE RULES EVEN IF A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE RESULTS IN MANY INSTANCES

ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE

A▶ ◀B

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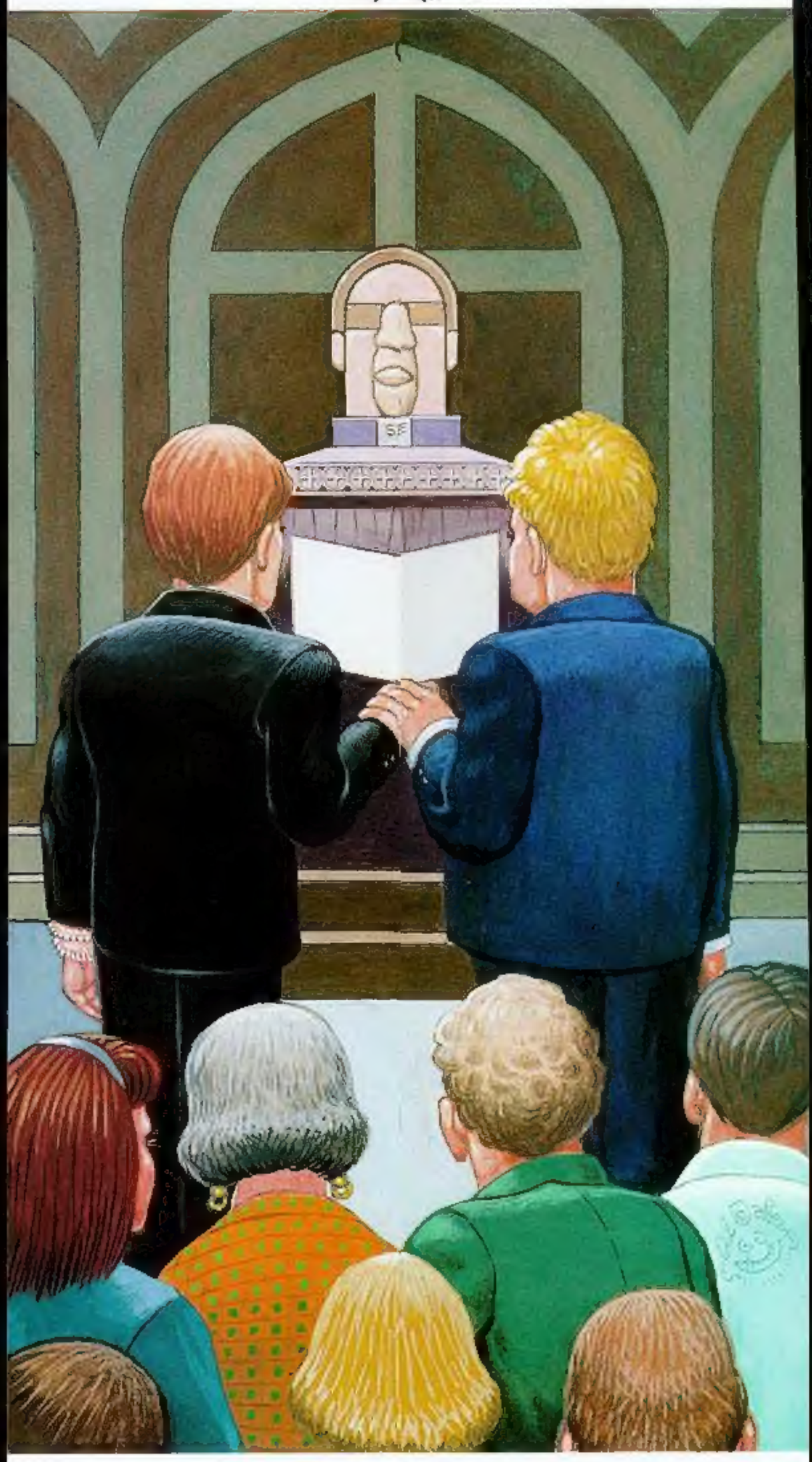

SAME SEX MARRIAGE

ARTIST & WRITER:
AL JAFFEE

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If Norman Rockwell Depicted the 90's

"Last Parking Space at the Mall"